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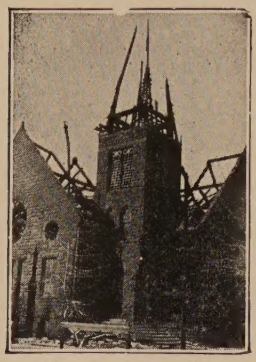

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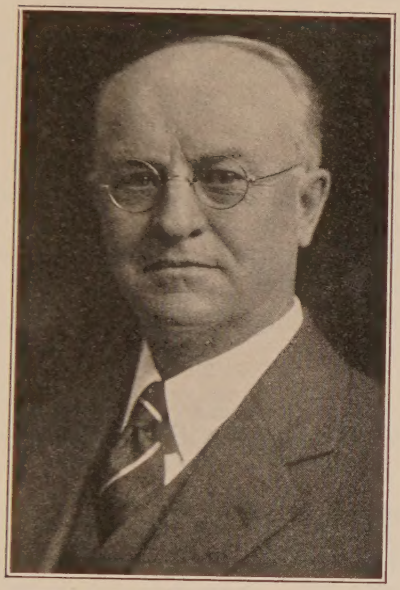

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Devotional Service. Bishop Brown conducted devotional services. Hymns 560 and 410 were sung, and the Bishop addressed the Conference using as his theme "Remembering Christ." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the Bishop being assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor of the entertaining church.

Memorial Service. Jesse Lacklen presided at the memorial service. George D. King offered prayer. The Secretary of the conference called the roll of the honored dead, and the address was given by John A. Meeke.

Roll Call. The secretary of the previous session of the conference called the roll to which the following members and probationers answered: George D. King, John Hosking, Job Little, J. A. Martin, P. W. Haynes, R. P. Smith, Edward Smith, C. L. Bovard, Charles D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, A. W. Hammer, C. E. Haynes, Paul M. Adams, T. H. Barker, J. A. Meeke, F. E. Dodds, John Chirgwin, F. C. Spencer, O. A. White, Fred Whitford, W. H. Calvert, F. C. Fulford, David Hardy, Charles Rhodes, E. C. Bartlett, C. E. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, William Pippy, W. E. Brann, C. E. Fenton, Jesse Lacklen, A. E. Plummer, E. D. Swisher, R. C. Edgington, W. L. Greer, W. C. Smith, J. W. Bunch, Henry Mecklenburg, H. E. Chappell, Reuben Dutton, W. B. Spaulding, A. P. Aiton, C. G. Cole, T. T. Fike, F. M. Latham, A. T. Peck, O. G. Ponath, George Reid, M. E. Van de Mark, L. L. Ortmayer, H. J. Frame, H. T. Stong, Fred Anstice, Edwin Dover, C. G. Hannan, J. V. Hawk, W. C. Wampler, H. W. Woods, C. L. Clifford, Joseph Ashworth, R. V. Crater, E. D. I. Kistler, G. C. Lee, J. W. Kuller, G. O. Parish, W. P. Jinnett, Henry Van Valkenburgh, R. M. Bickle, H. B. Ricketts, M. C. Wilcox, A. C. Caton, J. R. Norton, H. S. Harriss, W. L. Bennett, A. C. Wilcox, W. M. Ewing, and E. R. Kaemmer.

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Bar of the Conference. On motion of C. L. Bovard the bar of the conference was fixed to include the first five rows of pews.

Business. On motion of L. L. Ortmayer the conference appointed C. G. Cole, H. B. Ricketts, and C. M. Donaldson as a committee for the expediting of Conference business.

Question 1. The conference was declared to be incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline and the following persons holding moneys were bonded; William Pippy ($5,000); Fred Whitford ($5,000); Charles G. Cole ($3,000).

Question 2. The Bishop announced the transfer of Edmund Rae Kaemmer, in studies of the first year, from the Northern Minnesota to the Montana State Conference, and Herbert John Lennox, in studies of the fourth year, from the Erie Conference, to the Montana State Conference.

Question 16. The Bishop announced the transfer from the Montana State Conference, George Mecklenburg to Northern Minnesota Conference; Edward Laird Mills to the Oregon Conference; William F. Koehler and Robert B. Culbertson to the California Conference.

Question 15. Jesse W. Bunch was passed in character and presented to the conference his fifth annual report as superintendent of the Helena District (see report).

Cecil L. Clifford was passed in character and presented to the conference his second annual report as superintendent of the Glacier Park District. (see report).

Walter B. Spaulding was passed in character and presented to the conference his first annual report as superintendent of the Yellowstone District (see report).

Introductions. Dr. N. E. Davis, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and Dr. William Jeffers of the Board of Pension and Relief and Deaconess Work were introduced and addressed the conference.

On motion of C. L. Clifford the conference authorized an executive session following this afternoon's statistical session.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At one forty-five the conference assembled for statistical session. After song and prayer by John Hosking, the secretary called the roll of charges and the pastors presented their reports to the statistician and treasurer.

Pro-rating. H. E. Chappell called attention to the conference rules of pro-rating.

Introduced. Dr. John H. Race of the Methodist Book Concern was introduced and addressed the conference.

Question 11. What members have completed the Conference Course of study? Herbert John Lennox was announced as having completed the conference course of study under the Seminary Rule, and upon proper recommendation was elected to elders orders.

Edwin Dover was announced as having completed the conference course of study and upon proper recommendation was elected to elders orders.

Executive session. The conference resolved itself into executive session and A. P. Aiton and C. G. Cole were named door keepers.

Question 15. The secretary called the roll of the effective elders and they were all passed in character except A. C. Canole, Fred Whitford and A. C. Baer.

Charges having been preferred against Fred Whitford and Arthur C. Baer, the Conference, on motion of J. A. Meeke, authorized that these cases be tried by a special committee, consisting of nine members. Said committee, on motion of C. L. Bovard, was named by the cabinet, upon the authorization of the conference. Edward Smith was named chairman, and Jesse Lacklen and John A. Meeke as council for Fred Whitford, and W. M. Ewing and O. A. White as council for the church. Charles M. Donaldson was named as council for Arthur C. Baer and Jesse Lacklen as council for the church.

The committee was composed of the following: E. C. Bartlett, W. E. Brann, Charles G. Cole, A. E. Plummer, W. P. Jinnett, Martin E. Van de Mark, R. P. Smith, H. B. Ricketts and David Hardy.

Question 20. Who have withdrawn? John Dix at his own request was permitted to withdraw from the ministry of the church and to surrender his credentials.

Question 22. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? On motion of Jesse W. Bunch, Alvin C. Canole was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership in the church, he having surrendered his credentials.

The conference adjourned and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Race.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd

Devotions. The Bishop addressed the conference on the theme of "Prayer," using as his text "Lord teach us to pray."

Business. The Journal of the previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

Roll Call. The following members were added to the roll of those present; Forrest W. Werts, Alexander Muirden, and Allan Haldeman.

Board of Examiners. The Bishop announced the following as the Board of Examiners; Paul M. Adams, Reuben Dutton, A. C. Caton, C. G. Cole, W. E. Brann, W. P. Jinnett, W. L. Bennett, Louis L. Ortmayer, T. T. Fike, Jesse Bunch, C. M. Donaldson, E. C.Bartlett, Allan Haldeman, and William Pippy.

Introduced. Dr. John H. Race was intrdouced and addressed and presented the Conference with Book Concern check, as follows: Chartered Fund $50.00 and dividends $609.00 which were on vote of the Conference ordered endorsed and turned over to the treasurer.

Dr. Edward Laird Mills of the Pacific Christian Advocate and J. J. Brauer of the Portland Depository were introduced and both addressed the Conference.

On motion of C. L. Bovard the recommendation from the cabinet "that the Pacific Christian Advocate be placed in every official's home and that the subscription list be increased to at least one thousand" was unanimously approved.

The Messenger. Jesse W. Bunch, as editor of the Messenger, presented his report.

Fraternal Delegate. On motion of C. L. Bovard the fraternal delegate to the Presbyterian Synod shall be the District Superintendent of the district in which the Synod is held.

Introduced. Dr. J. M. Jeffers of the Board of Pensions and Relief was introduced, addressed the conference and presented it with a check of $1551.93, of which $900.00 was an appropriation from the Board of Pensions and Relief and $651.93 was interest on funds deposited with the Board, which was on vote of the conference accepted and given to the Board of Stewards.

Order of the Day. Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Expediting conference business, C. M. Donaldson moved that the order of the day for Friday at eleven o'clock a. m., be the presentation of reports of institutions where financial campaigns are involved.

It was made the order of the day for eleven o'clock Saturday morning the joint session with the laymen.

The corporate session of the conference was called for Friday afternoon for one-thirty o'clock.

Question 17. Who have died? It was announced that J. A. Badcon, Martin H. Needham and William H. Pascoe had died during the year.

Questions 18, 19 and 21 were asked and answered in the negative. (see disciplinary questions).

Worship service. Dr. E. Guy Cutshall, President of Iliff School of Theology, gave a very stirring address on the Problem of Western Culture.

Announcements. The announcements of the day were made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the pastor of the local Presbyterian church, Rev. James Elvin.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th

Devotions. After singing Hymn No. 78 and being led in prayer, Dr. E. Guy Cutshall gave the second of his addresses, using as his theme "Is Western Culture Self Destructive."

Business. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Greetings. On motion of Edward Smith the conference received greetings from the Presbyterian Synod. Rev. J. A. Barnes of Three Forks delivered said greetings.

The conference, through H. Styles Harris, sent greetings of love and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Charles L. Bovard who is ill in the Montana Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls.

Executive Session. The conference resolved itself into executive session. Fred Anstice and Joseph Ashworth were named door keepers.

Special Committee. Through chairman Edward Smith the report of the special committee in the case of Arthur C. Baer was presented to the conference, which was as follows: "That Arthur C. Baer be denied all ministerial privileges under authority of our church and that hereby his credentials are cancelled as provided for in article 263 of the discipline of 1924."

In the case of Fred Whitford through chairman Charles G. Cole the following report was presented to the conference.

"We your select committee of nine appointed to try the case of Fred Whitford who under the date of July 20, 1928, was charged with imprudent and unministerial conduct under three specifications do not find the charge sustained; never the less it is the unanimous sense of the committee, in view of the evidence submitted, that the specifications are sustained to the extent of indiscretion, and that he merits, and is hereby, reproved."

Question 14. The character of Fred Whitford was then passed.

The conference resumed work in regular session.

Pro-rating. On motion of Harry E. Chappell, the following was made the basis of conference pro-rating:

(1) That the clergy rate, as used heretofore be the maximum rate for those coming by railroad or traveling in their own or other conveyance.

(2) That those who come to conference free whether by railroad pass or otherwise pay the average travel expense.

(3) That the pastor of the entertaining church shall not be asked to pro-rate and furthermore that those who choose to come by car whether possessing a pass or not be allowed clergy rate subject however to the provisions of the following paragraph.

(4) That the amount of claim of any man be not in excess of the actual amount paid for such travel to and from the conference.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question 4. Who have been received on credentials and from what church? Bert D. Fridley upon proper recommendation was received into conference membership from the Evangelical Church and his credentials recognized.

Question 5. Who have been received on trial? Francis Bartlett and William S. Traweek upon proper recommendation from the church, the District Superintendents, Conference Board of Examiners and Conference Relation Committee were introduced to the conference and received on trial in studies of the first year.

Question 6. Who have been continued on trial? Upon proper recommendation Raymond Robinson was continued on trial in studies of the first year; Rowland J. Martin in studies of the second year and E. R. Kaemmer in studies of the fourth year.

Questions 8, and 10 were answered in the negative. (see disciplinary questions).

Question 9. What members are in studies of the third year? Upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Examiners, W. A. Redfield was continued in the studies of the third year.

Question 11. What members have completed the conference course of study? R. R. Blake was announced as having completed the conference course of study under the Seminary Rule and upon proper recommendation was elected to Elders Orders, he to be ordained elsewhere.

Question 13. What others have been selected and ordained elders? Upon proper recommendation E. R. Kaemmer was recommended to Elders Orders, he to be ordained elsewhere.

Question 12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? Upon proper recommendation Miss F. Elizabeth Yates was elected to local deacons orders.

Question 25. Upon request of A. D. Welch and the recommendation of the conference relation committee, he was granted a supernumerary relation.

Question 26. Upon the recommendation of the conference relation committee George C. Stull, because of age limit, was retired.

On motion of H. B. Ricketts in accordance with rules and regulations of the Board of Pension and Relief as per order of last General Conference, the pension of George C. Stull was disallowed.

O. A. White, because of age limit, requested the conference to grant to him a retired relationship. He spoke feelingly and appreciatively of his labors and assured the conference of his continued interest and support.

Standing Committees. Vacancies in the standing committees and boards were filled by nominations from the Cabinet.

Order of Day. The hour having arrived for the presentation of reports involving financial interests, the following reports were submitted and adopted (See reports). J. A. Martin reported for the Montana Deaconess Hospital; Charles D. Crouch for the Billings Deaconess Hospital which report was supplemented by Miss Guilkey, Superintendent; R. C. Edgington for the Bozeman and Kennedy Deaconess Hospitals, with supplement by Miss Robertson Superintendent of Kennedy Deaconess Hospital; Alexander Muirden for the Butte Deaconess Hospital; and John Chirgwin for the Montana Deaconess School.

Resolutions. On motion of H. Styles Harriss the conference conveyed to Miss E. Augusta Ariss their highest appreciation and commendation for her long years of service and the high standard of her work.

The following resolution was on motion of Henry Van Valkenburgh, adopted:

"Whereas, The information presented to the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work of the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, indicated that the Butte Deaconess Hospital is operating at a loss of approximately six thousand dollars annually, and

Whereas, It is the sense of the Members and friends of the Board of the Butte Deaconess Hospital that unless a substantial amount of funds is forthcoming in the very near future, the hospital must close, and

Whereas, The Board of the Butte Deaconess Hospital requests that the Annual Conference take its affairs into consideration and, unless adequate ways and means be provided by the Conference to continue the Institution, and unless the amount is forthcoming the Conference take steps to meet the indebtedness and close the Institution;

Therefore, After careful consideration, the conference Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work, recommends to the Annual Conference that it take such steps as are necessary for the closing of the hospital and such protection of all interests involved as may be possible."

Introduced. John D. McCormick of the Kimbell School of Theology was intrdouced and addressed the conference.

The corporate session of the conference was postponed to Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

The committee on group insurance was discontinued, on motion of G. O. Parish.

Announcements. Announcements were made and conference adjourned with benediction by Job Little.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Devotions. Bishop Brown lead the devotions and after prayer by Martin E. Van de Mark, he introduced Dr. E. Guy Cutshall who gave the closing address of his series on "The Problems and Triumps of Western Culture."

Business. The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

Jesse Lacklen announced the death of Andrew Kershaw, and after a period of silence, Edward Smith and W. M. Ewing lead in prayer. George D. King spoke briefly of the work of Andrew Kershaw.

Question 26. Who are the retired ministers? The following were continued upon recommendation in the retired relation; and those present spoke briefly to the conference. C. L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, C. S. Davis, John Hosking, George D. King, Job Little, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver.

On motion of Jesse Lacklen the conference appointed a Veterans Recognition Committee, to arrange for appropriate recognition service in honor of our living veterans during each conference session.

Committee: Jesse Lacklen, A. W. Hammer. Charles D. Crouch.

Question 25. Upon the request of W. C. Smith, and proper recommendation, he was continued in the supernumerary relation for the fifth year.

Question 27. Who have been granted leave of absence? At his own request Walter Lee Greer and Fred Whitford were granted a leave of absence for the year.

Question 28. The following were named as the triers of appeals: E. C. Bartlett, L. E. Baldwin, William Pippy, C. E. Haynes, R. P. Smith. Reserves: J. A. Martin and Edward Smith.

Question 40. Where shall the next conference be held? Upon the invitation of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Butte, expressed through Edward Smith, the Conference was invited to Butte; and Charles M. Donaldson, on behalf of the Missoula official Board invited the conference to Missoula. Butte was chosen, and upon motion of C. M. Donaldson, it was made unanimous.

Question 14. Upon request, and proper recommendation, Joseph S. Pennepacker, W. A. Refield, Raymond Robinson, and E. D. I. Kistler were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Business. Upon motion of Allen Haldeman the conference requested that a list of local deacons and elders be printed in the minutes.

Question of privileges. H. Styles Harriss spoke of the failing health and financial difficulty of A. C. Snow and the conference responded with an offering of $125.00, which was turned over to the board of Stewards to be forwarded to him.

Introduced. President E. J. Klemme, of Intermountain Union College, presented his report. Paul M. Adams gave a supplemental report.

William L. Wade of the Anti-Saloon League was introduced and addressed the conference.

Order of the Day. The hour having arrived for the joint meeting with the Laymens Association, E. E. Collins, President of that association was introduced and brought greetings to the conference. Bishop Brown responded in behalf of the conference.

Reports. J. A. Meeke, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Pensions and Relief presented his report, including recommendations, which was adopted. (See report.)

The Board of Stewards, through John A. Meeke, Secretary, presented its report, which was adopted. (see report).

The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, presented its report. Henry Van Valkenburgh earnestly spoke for its adoption. The report was adopted. (see report).

The report of the Board of Education was presented and adopted. (see report).

The report of the Conference Statistician was presented and adopted. (see report).

On motion of C. E. Smith the conference authorized that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in regular session following the corporate session this afternoon.

Announcements were made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by C. L. Bovard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Immediately following the corporate session the Bishop called the conference to order.

Minutes. The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

Reports. The following committees reported; and these reports were adopted. (see reports).

Auditing, Books and Periodicals, Evangelism, Indian Work, Social Service, State of the Church, Publishing, Cooperating Institutions.

Business. Jesse Lacklen resigned as chairman of the Memorial Committee and on motion M. E. Van de Mark was named chairman.

Other vacancies, appearing on boards and committees, were filled. (see boards).

Conference Officers. On motion of Walter B. Spaulding the conference re-elected Fred C. Fulford, statistician; and on motion of C. E. Smith the conference elected A. E. Plummer, Treasurer, for the coming year.

Greetings. The Conference being informed that John Chirgwin was sick in his room at the hotel, they authorized Martin E. Van de Mark to carry to him expressions of sympathy from the conference.

Area Office. The conference recognizing the intrinsic value of the Area Office, on motion of C. M. Donaldson requested that this office be continued, and for its maintenance the charges be assessed one-percent of the pastors cash salary.

On motion of Charles G. Cole, the conference requested the Cabinet to provide one of our field workers to conduct the financial campaign for the Butte hospital.

Resolution and Request. "Resolved, That we express to the Board of Bishops our gratification for setting our present conference session at the present date, and that we respectfully request approximately the same date for next year," this was, on motion of Martin E. Van de Mark, unanimously adopted.

On motion of H. Styles Harriss the conference adjourned to meet at the close of the Sunday evening service of worship.

Announcements were made and conference adjourned with benediction by A. W. Hammer.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

At 3 o'clock the conference assembled in ordination service, and Mary A. Hoole was consecrated Deaconess; F. Elizabeth Yates was ordained as Deacon in the Church of God; and Edwin Dover, and Herbert John Lennox were ordained elders in the Church of God.

Following the address in the evening the conference assembled in regular session at 10 o'clock.

Business. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion of C. L. Clifford the daily journal was made the official minutes of the conference.

Upon recommendation of the cabinet Paul M. Adams was appointed official correspondent for the Pacific Christian Advocate and the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Question of privilege. J. A. Martin in well chosen words presented to retiring District Superintendent Jesse W. Bunch an electric floor lamp and electric toaster, on behalf of the men of the Helena District.

Treasurer's Report. Fred Whitford presented the report as Conference Treasurer, which was on motion adopted. (see report).

The conference authorized appointment of a Commission on Men's work. Committee: Vernon E. Lewis, E. E. Collins, C. M. Donaldson.

The committee on complementary resolutions presented their report which was on motion adopted. (see report).

The conference on motion of J. W. Kuller requested the conference to appoint the following men in detached service to their various fields. (see appointments) Paul M. Adams, John Chirgwin, J. A. Martin, C. E. Cunningham, J. V. Hawk, William Pippy, John A. Meeke, Henry Van Valkenburgh, Charles D. Crouch, John R. Ball, Robert C. Edgington.

On motion of C. E. Smith the conference ordered that after devotions and the reading of appointments that the conference stand adjourned, sine die.

Bishop Brown read the appointments (see appointments) pronounced the Benediction and the conference stood adjourned sine die.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that, at Lewistown, Montana, August 26, 1928 assisted by several elders I ordained Edwin Dover and Herbert John Lennox as elders in the Church of God, and ordained F. Elizabeth Yates as Deacon in the Church of God, and consecrated Mary A. Hoole, as Deaconess in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WALLACE E. BROWN.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Montana State Conference in its Fifth Annual Session held in Lewistown, Montana, August 22-26, 1928.

Signed,

Wallace E. Brown

Presiding Bishop.

C. E. Smith

Conference Secretary.

IV. Disciplinary Questions

The Montana State Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Lewistown from August 22 to August 26, 1928. Bishop Wallace E. Brown Presiding; Secretary, C. E. Smith, Hamilton; Statistician, Fred C. Fulford, Roundup; Treasurer, Fred Whitford, Lewistown; Registrar, Reuben Dutton, Glendive.

1. (a) **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
Yes.

(b) **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are bonded, and in what Amounts, according to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
William Pippy ($5,000). Fred Whitford ($5,000). C. G. Cole ($3,000).

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Edmund Rae Kaemmer, Northern Minnesota; Herbert John Lennox, Erie.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
Bert D. Fridley, Evangelical.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year:
Francis Barelett, William S. Traweek.
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule:
None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year.
Raymond Robinson.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Rowland J. Martin.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
Edmund Rae Kaemmer.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
None.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by——— Conference.
None.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
None.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
W. A. Redfield.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
None.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Edwin Dover.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
Herbert John Lennox.
(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
Robert Richmond Blake.
(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by———Conference.
None.
(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.
None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
(a) As Local Preachers.
F. Elizabeth Yates.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Under the Seminary Rule.
None.
(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
(a) As Local Deacons.
None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
Edmund Rae Kaemmer.

14. **Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?**
E. D. I. Kitsler, Joseph S. Pennepacker, W. A. Redfiled, Raymond Robinson.

15. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
This was strictly done in open conference.

16. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
Robert B. Culbretson, California; William F. Koehler, California; George Mecklenburg, Northern Minnesota; Edward Laird Mills, Oregon.

17. **Who have Died?**
J. A. Badcon, Andrew Kershaw, William H. Pascoe, Martin H. Needham.

18. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.

19. **Who have been Located?**
None.

20. **Who have Withdrawn?**
(a) From the Ministry.
John Dix.
(b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
Alexander Muirden.
(c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.
None.

21. **Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office?**
None.

22. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
Alvin C. Canole.

23. **Who have been Expelled?**
Arthur C. Baer was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church.

24. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.

25. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
W. C. Smith (5), Arthur D. Welch (1).

26. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**
C. L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, C. S. Davis. John Hosking, Geo. D. King, Job Little, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver, Geo. C. Stull, O. A. White.

27. **Who have been granted Leave of Absence?**
Walter Lee Greer, Fred Whitford.

28. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
E. C. Bartlett, L. E. Baldwin, Wm. Pippy, C. E. Haynes, R. P. Smith, Reserves: J. H. Martin and Edward Smith.

29. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
See report.

30. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
See report.

31. **What is the Statistical Report?**
See the Statistician's Report.

32. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

33. **(a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $37,668.**
(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $70,387.

34. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, 548 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of $25 per year, $13,700; For Necessitous distribution, $1,400; Total, $15,100.

35. **(a) What has been Received on these Claims?**
From The Book Concern, $609; From Annual Conference Investments, $902; From the Chartered Fund, $50; From Pastoral Charges, $10,587; From Board of Pensions and Relief, $900; From Other Sources, $0; Total, $13,048.
(b) How has it been Applied?
See report.

36. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
10% pastor's cash salary.

37. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief for Connectional Relief?**
Nothing.

38. **Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its Report?**
No.

39. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List of Appointments.

40. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Butte.

V. Appointments

GLACIER PARK DISTRICT

Cecil Leslie Clifford, Superintendent (3) Kalispell, Montana

Charge	Pastor	Address
Big Blackfoot Circuit	Francis E. Bartlett (1)	Ovando
Big Fork and Holt	W. L. Bennett (2)	Somers
Big Sandy and Box Elder	Rollo V. Crater (3)	Big Sandy
Chinook	Walter C. Wampler (1)	Chinook
Columbia Falls	Henry Mecklenburg (1)	Columbia Falls
Culbertson and Bainville	George C. Lee (3)	Culbertson
Daniels County Parish	Fred Anstice (1)	Scobey
Drummond and Hall	(Nelle Phillips) (3)	Drummond
Epworth Piegan Indian Mission	Allen C. Wilcox (4)	Browning
Assistant	(To be supplied)	
Glasgow	C. E. Haynes (3)	Glasgow
Hamilton and Sula	C. E. Smith (2)	Hamilton
Havre	G. O. Parish (2)	Havre
High Line Circuit	R. Montague Bickle (3)	Havre
Kalispell	A. C. Caton (1)	Kalispell
Libby	F. E. Vick (1)	Libby
Lower Flathead Parish	John W. Kuller (1)	St. Ignatius
Malta	(To be supplied)	
Mineral County Parish	(To be supplied)	
Missoula	C. M. Donaldson (4)	Missoula
Missoula circuit & University pastor	Jesse W. Bunch (1)	Missoula
Opheim Circuit	Herbert J. Lennox (1)	Opheim
Philipsburg	Marvin Moris (1)	
Polson	Herbert J. Frame (2)	Polson
Redstone Circuit	Joseph Ashworth (2)	Redstone
Ronan Parish	Thomas H. Barker (3)	Ronan
Saco, Hinsdale Parish	H. E. Chappell (2)	Saco
Shelby	Edward W. Bartlett (1)	Shelby
Somers	W. L. Bennett (2)	Somers
Sunburst, Kevin, Sweetgrass	John Stewart (1)	Havre
Stevensville (Federated)	(W. J. Richards)	Stevensville
Thompson Falls and Plains	Ralph Carleton (3)	Thompson Falls
Troy and Eureka	(Blanche Burton) (1)	Troy
Whitefish	W. E. Brann (2)	Whitefish
Wolf Point	(To be supplied)	

HELENA DISTRICT

Walter B. Spaulding, (1) Superintnedent, Helena

Charge	Pastor	Address
Anaconda	(To be supplied)	
Augusta and Simms	L. E. Baldwin (4)	Fort Shaw
Belt Valley Parish, Belt Raynesford		
Monarch, Neihart	F. E. Dodds (2)	Belt
Buffalo, Straw, Garniell	A. W. Hammer (5)	Buffalo
Butte: Grace and Wesley	Edward Smith (4)	Butte
Mt. View	Charles G. Cole (3)	Butte
Trinity and Mt. Bethel	F. T. Spencer (7)	Butte
Unity and Silver Bow	(To be supplied)	
Cascade Circuit	B. D. Fridley (2)	Cascade
Choteau, Penderoy and Bynum	E. R. Kaemmer (1)	Choteau

Denton Circuit	A. E. Plummer (2)	Denton
Dutton, Collins and Brady	Harry T. Stong (2)	Dutton
Fort Benton, Loma, Flowerree, Portage, Genou	W. P. Jinnett (2)	Fort Benton
Geraldine, Montague and Highwood	Edwin Dover (2)	Geraldine
Grass Range	(B. C. Harmon) (4)	Grass Range
Great Falls	H. Styles Harriss (4)	Great Falls
Associate	(To be supplied)	
Helena Parish:		
St. Paul's and Coburn Memorial	M. E. Van de Mark (2)	Helena
St. Paul's and Coburn (Associate)	Richmond R. Blake (1)	Helena
St. Paul's and Coburn (Associate)	(Donald Baldwin) (2)	Helena
Winston (Associate)	(Esther Carlson) (1)	Helena
Wolf Creek (Associate)	(Clark Newton) (1)	Helena
Clancy (Associate)	(Harold Engdahl) (1)	Helena
Marysville (Associate)	William Pippy (4)	Helena
Hobson and Benchland	M. J. Wilcox (1)	Hobson
Lewistown	Louis L. Ortmayer (1)	Lewistown
Moore	(To be supplied)	
Stockett, Sand Coulee and Red Butte	J. A. Martin (1)	Great Falls
Townsend, Radersburg	(Lucian B. Jones) (1)	Townsend
Ulm and Sun River	(J. H. Little)	Cascade
Valier and Dupuyer	Joseph Norton (1)	Valier
Winifred, Suffolk, Christina	(To be supplied)	
Winnett, Wall View and Cat Creek	E. D. Swisher (1)	Winnett

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

Jesse Lacklen, (1) Superintendent, Billings

Charge	Pastor	Address
Ashland and Birney	(Samuel Fletcher) (1)	Ashland
Billings	Forrest W. Werts (1)	Billings
Bozeman	R. P. Smith (14)	Bozeman
Bridger Circuit	C. E. Fenton (5)	Bridger
Clyde Park and Wilsall	(A. H. Wendland) (2)	Clyde Park
Dillon	H. B. Ricketts (3)	Dillon
Dillon Circuit	H. B. Ricketts (3)	Dillon
Fairview	(Miss C. Teachman) (1)	Fairview
Forsyth	George Reid (1)	Forsyth
Fromberg Circuit	Charles Rhodes (3)	Fromberg
Glendive	Reuben Dutton (2)	Glendive
Golden Valley Circuit (Ryegate and Lavina)	A. T. Peck (3)	Ryegate
Hardin	F. M. Latham (1)	Hardin
Harlowton	Hubert W. Woods (1)	Harlowton
Huntley Project Circuit (Worden and Wheatley)	Philo W. Haynes (4)	Huntley
Ingomar and Sumatra	(W. H. Calvert) (1)	Ingomar
Laurel and Park City	T. T. Fike (1)	Laurel
Livingston	A. P. Aiton (2)	Livingston
Miles City	W. M. Ewing (2)	Miles City
Pine Creek	Otto G. Ponath (7)	Livingston
Red Lodge, Roberts, Luther	Cecil G. Hannan (1)	Red Lodge
Reed Point	(To be supplied)	
Roundup	Fred Fulford (4)	Roundup
Richey	William S. Traweek (1)	Richey
Sheridan and Ennis	Allan Haldeman (2)	Sheridan
Sidney	David Hardy (2)	Sidney
Three Forks (Federated)	(Joseph A. Barnes)	Three Forks
Whitehall	(Ernest Mills) (1)	Whitehall
Wibaux	(A. A. Sifert) (1)	Wibaux

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Intermountain Union College, St. Paul's (Helena) Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (15).

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent, Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's (Helena) Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (16).

Charles D. Crouch, Executive Secretary, Billings Deaconess Hospital, Billings, Quarterly Conference, Billings, Montana (7).

J. A. Martin, Field Representative Montana Deaconess Hospital, Great Falls, Quarterly Conference, Great Falls, Montana (6).

C. E. Cunningham, Field Secretary Montana Deaconess School, Townsend Quarterly Conference, Townsend, Montana (4). Address Helena.

J. V. Hawk, Superintendent Montana Childrens' Home Finding Society, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (7).

John R. Ball, Professor in Northwestern University, Harlowton Quarterly Conference, Harlowton, Montana (15). Address Evanston, Ill.

William Pippy, Welfare Worker for the Masonic Order at Fort Harrison, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (4).

John A. Meeke, Field Agent Board of Pensions and Relief, Great Falls Quarterly Conference, Billings, Montana (3).

Robert C. Edgington, Field Superintendent, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Bozeman Quarterly Conference, Bozeman, Montana (2).

Henry Van Valkenburgh, Field Secretary of Temperance Work, St. Paul's, Helena, Quarterly Conference (2). Address Helena.

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Ernest D. I. Kistler, Scobey Quarterly Conference, Evanston, Ill. Rowland J. Martin, Chinook Quarterly Conference, Chinook, Montana. J. S. Pennepacker, Libby Quarterly Conference, Niantic, Connecticutt. W. A. Redfield, St. Paul's (Helena) Quarterly Conference, Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Raymond Robinson, St. Paul's (Helena) Quarterly Conference.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

W. L. Greer, 3 North 28th St., Camden, N. J.; Fred Whitford, Lewistown, Montana.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Ariss, E. Augusta, Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital Superintendent
Ackerman, Edith R., Bozeman, Deaconess Hospital .....Superintendent
Baker, Blanche L., Fredericksburg, Tex., Retired .....
Beck, Roxana, Helena, Montana, Mont. Deaconess School .....Principal
Buckles, Gertrude (Probationer), Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital .....Principal of Training School
Burgess, Ellen May (Probationer) Awaiting request for transfer to Puget Sound Conference.
Burton, Blanche E. .....Pastor
Carter, Maude E., Leave of Absence.
Glindinin, Mrs. Margaret, Great Falls, Mont Deaconess Hospital Chaplain
Cloud, Stella R., Helena, Montana, Mont. Deaconess School, Housemother
Davidson, Maryellen, Bozeman, Deaconess Hospital.....Graduate Nurse
DeSellem, Margaret (Probationer) Helena, Mont. Deaconess School.... Housemother
Giddings, Lillian V., Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital .....Matron
Gray, Jane, Sidney, Deaconess Hospital .....Office Secretary

Guilkey, Ethel Lane, Billings, Mont., Deaconess Hospital....Superintendent
Harmon, Belle C. .....Pastor
Hoole, Mary A., Bozeman, Deaconess Hospital .....Graduate Nurse
Johnson, Minnie G., Leave of Absence.
Kissell, Hattie R., Billings, Deaconess Hospital .....Office Secretary
Lamb, Edith, Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital .....Head Nurse
Joslin, Lucy Abbott, Bozeman, Deaconess Hospital ....Prin. Train. School
Long, Edith Lena, Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital .....Ass't Supt.
Mecum, Anna V., Great Falls, Mont. Deaconess Hospital.....
.....X-Ray Technician
McDonald, Esther, (Probationer) Zanesville, Ohio, Awaiting Transfer.
Piper, Helen C., Helena, Mont., Deaconess School .....Ass't. Principal
Richmond, Helen, S. California Conference .....Pastor's Assistant
Robertson, Ruth E., Havre, Deaconess Hospital .....Superintendent
Schaal, Gertrude, Butte, Mt. View Church .....Pastor's Assistant
Schmitt, Marion G., Colorado Springs, T. B. Sanatarium .....Patient
Schrader, Wille M., Glasgow, Deaconess Hospital .....Office Secretary
Stout, Josephine, Sidney, Deaconess Hospital .....Superintendent
Teachman, Corabelle .....Pastor
Watts, Donna E., Havre, Deaconess Hospital .....Ass't. Superintendent
Walther, Emily E., Great Falls, Deaconess Hospital .....Office Secretary
Wierenga, Angeline M., Helena, Deaconess School .....Office Secretary
Yates, F. Elizabeth, Great Falls, Deaconess Hospital .....Dietician

VI. Reports

"A" DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

GLACIER PARK DISTRICT

C. L. Clifford, Superintendent

Bishop, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

"So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God"—and some of us, also, to the Annual Conference. Report requirements seems to be the plan of the Almighty, and it may be cause for optimism that such is the increasing demand among men. With appreciation to God for his goodness, and to pastors, parsonage people, and a multitude of others for their courtesies, I bring this my second annual report.

Character and Challenge of the District

Glacier Park District extends for a thousand miles over a vast variety of Gods-Out-Of-Doors, past lakes and streams, over prairies and mountains. It is equal in length to the railroad distance from Chicago to Boston. It has 55,216 square miles, equal in area to the state of Wisconsin or New York. It has boundless, largely undeveloped resources in agriculture, stock raising, dairying, mining, lumbering, and in manufacturing. The population is 193,412 or 3½ people per square mile. This widely scattered population is pioneering the difficult task of installing the equipment of modern civilization—schools, churches, hospitals, libraries, public buildings, homes and furnishings, farm machinery, and improved roads—and doing in a generation, that which elsewhere has required more than a hundred years.

This frontier presents a particular challenge to the whole church. According to statistics recently gathered, the rural sections of America are becoming increasingly less Christian. From cities from 5,000 to 2,500 population only 24.3 per cent are Protestant church members. In villages from 2,500 to 250 the ratio is 22.8 per cent. In hamlets and the open country, representing one-third of our national population, only 13.1 per cent are connected with any Protestant church. In other words 87 per cent of our rural population is outside of church membership. In the Glacier Park District, we have in our membership but 2.27 per cent of the population, and Methodism is the strongest Protestant church now functioning. This situation is not only of church interest, but is a matter for national concern.

The Record of Service

In serving this territory during the past year your District Superintendent could sympathize with Saint Paul where he reports that he had been "In travels often and long." I have delivered 258 sermons and addresses, sent out 1367 pieces of mail matter, read 40 books, contacted over 20,000 people, held an afternoon and evening Training Conference with a team of four on every charge, maintained a Monthly News Letter for interchange of experiences, and traveled by train and auto 31,505 miles.

From last Conference there was sent out over the District 31 pastors and supplies. In the early Fall Rowland Martin was transferred from St. Ignatius to Scobey, as Assistant. St. Ignatius has been supplied with a monthly service during the year. John Dix resigned from the Libby charge the first of June and this field has been supplied for the summer by Harland Evans, a student from the East. Opheim was left

to be supplied and was provided a monthly service, until the first of the year when E. D. Kistler was appointed to care for this from Scobey. H. J. Lennox was secured from Garrett in July and has been serving on the Scobey-Opheim Parishes. He seeks a transfer into the Montana State Conference at this session.

"By faith," the toilers thruout the District have wraught valiently, tho many of the best achievements defy tabulation. Our task is not just to build up the church but to establish a new Christianized social order. A few high points in reportable results are here recorded.

W. L. Bennett at Somers opened a new preaching point, received 15 members, conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School, and added $350.00 in improvements.

At Big Sandy Rollo V. Crater reports the last $300.00 raised and the parsonage is now free of debt.

Henry Mecklenburg at Chinook reports building improvements, new Sunday School, Church Night, 39 members received, best Junior League in the state.

E. D. Swisher reports parsonage improvements and a Daily Vacation Bible School held for three weeks with 84 enrolled.

Culbertson boasts a new $500.00 garage, lawn improvements, Church Night, and two Daily Vacation Bible Schools. George Lee is pastor.

E. D. Kistler has completed five years in developing the widely known Daniels County Parish. This summer he supervised the $10,000 church building enterprise at Opheim. A parsonage will be completed this fall.

Nelle Phillips continues to be married—to Drummond and Hall. Both churches are undergoing improvements and $225 has already been expended.

Allen C. Wilcox successfully carries on our colorful work at Browning. Miss Lapan of Northwestern assisted in Daily Vacation Bible Schools on the Reservation this summer.

John Dix reports $633.00 paid on parsonage debt and church improvements at Libby, and $253.00 on church indebtedness at Eureka.

At Glasgow C. E. Haynes reports the best Sunday School and Leagues in years, and 68 enrolled in Daily Vacation School.

C. E. Smith and the people at Hamilton have enjoyed a happy year together. An overchurched situation there is in the way of adjustment.

G. O. Parish has added a hospital operation experience. Havre reports a four weeks' revival, 50 members received, $1400 on improvements, and $1500 for World Service.

Better organization on the High Line brings advance in support and in church improvements. The Ladies Aid at Chester reported $1439.70 with 27 members. R. M. Bickle is the Sky Pilot.

A Community Daily Vacation Bible School in Kalispell enrolled 285. E. C. Bartlett reports 25 new members. A son of the parsonage seeks membership in this Conference at this session.

C. M. Donaldson reports from Missoula, 40 funerals, 1380 calls, Church Night for 10 weeks, Membership Class 8 weeks, 67 received into membership.

George Reid while completing at the University requirements for a degree from Garrett, strongly established the Missoula Circuit with advances in salary and World Service.

Fred Anstice has continued to fill "Sinner's Row" in the church at Philipsburg with lads gathered in from that mining community. For the fourth year his League won the state trophy.

From Polson Herbert Frame reports, 45 added to the church, 30 to the League, $200 on improvements, and $108 increase on World Service.

Joseph Ashworth reports bills paid and money in all treasuries on the Redstone Circuit. Increase in World Service. Improvements $182. While making an appointment on skis this pastor nearly lost his life in a blinding winter blizzard.

Basement walls under church and parsonage costing $300.00, five accessions, and the best League ever, is T. H. Barker's report from Ronan.

Harry E. Chappell has been busy developing the vast Larger Parish at Saco. Improvements $110, world service in full, salary advance $250 plus an equal amount for auto expense.

Shelby won first place for the second time in the state Intermediate League Contest. Walter C. Wampler has been preparing the way for the completion of the church building enterprise.

"See how large letters I write unto you with my own hand," writes Saint Paul. The same can be said by William Richards concerning the unusual church which he is completing at Stevensville.

On the Mineral County Parish John Kuller has a workers Conference, monthly Fellowship Nights, Boy Scouts, World Service will be paid in full, salary increase $100.

Ralph Carleton is convalesing from an operation. He was instrumental in hastening the solution of denominational overlaping at Plains, and now Thompson Falls and Plains are well adjusted for the coming year.

From the Sunburst oil country, A. C. Caton reports 43 new members, $800 paid on improvements, all bills met with the D. S., paid in full last February, and $153 advance on World Service.

Whitefish under W. E. Brann reports 23 new members, 45 added to the Leagues, $578 paid on building and indebtedness, with $446 for World Service which is an increase over last year.

We are "Out where the west begins." Donald Redfield travels the fifty mile length of the Big Black Foot Circuit on horseback thru the deep snows in winter time. Salary was increased $269.00.

"What more shall I say, for time will fail me if I tell of" the pastor's wives, the Ladies Aiders, the Missionary Society workers, the League leaders, the faithful officials, the loyal members, the supporting friends, "who thru faith subdued the ungodly, wraught righteousness, obtained pledges, stopped the mouths of gossipers, quenched the fire of fault-finders, escaped the edge of the sword of misrepresentation, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in work, and turned to flight the armies of allied impossibilities."

Church Properties

Working thru the Home Missions Council an exchange has been effected with the Congregational church, thru which this District takes over Dixon, Arlee, Paradise, and Plains which has long been a divided community. This exchange with properties in eastern Montana, brings us four churches and three parsonages. The congregations have voted on this adjustment and we are ready to complete the legal transfers. At a democratic meeting of pastors and people representing all that region, grouping of towns, residence of pastors, and salary apportionments were decided. Thompson Falls and Plains will have a $300 increase in salary, and the new Lower Flathead Parish will pay $1800 and parsonage.

Two years ago we discontinued work at Wolf Point. The parsonage was carrying a loan of $2,000 from the Home Board with interest unpaid, accumulated improvement taxes with 12 per cent interest was rapidly adding to the load. After many consultations with the local Trustees and Dr. Search of the Home Board, we secured a purchaser for $3,000. This will pay off all obligations and leave us two lots, the basement church and a small old parsonage free from debt.

The long unused Daily Addition Chapel at Missoula has been sold for $500 and the money is held by the Trustees of First Church.

The delapidated Lake Side Church is being sold for $100 by the Trustees at Culbertson, and the money will be used in contemplated church construction and improvements.

The District Superintendent met twice with community representatives in the Spring Creek church South of Kalispell. We are studying plans for utilizing or else disposing of this building which is falling into ruins.

A committee has been raised at Drummond and Hall to investigate and report suggestions regarding the deserted old church at New Chicago.

There are other properties which should be utilized, or disposed of and proceeds made productive in other enterprises.

The Area Messenger

Real values have attended the publication and distribution of this Area organ. We surely need some agency which will carry facts about the church and its program, and a Christian interpretation of world affairs into the homes of our people. We are greatly indebted to Jesse W. Bunch for the high order of his unremunerated editorship.

The Conference Institute

Dr. C. L. Bovard stated that the week at Great Falls, marked the most constructive and valuable event in church programs in Montana for thirty years. Why not blaze that new trail into farther possibilities. Facing of facts, study of actual situations, training for better leadership is a necessity of the hour.

Prohibition in Montana

One of the greatest moral battles in the history of the civilized world is on in America, and is conspicuously centered just now in our own state. Many are in on the fight, and conspicuous among them are W. L. Wade Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League and our own Henry Van Valkenburgh. Every pastor should be enlisted and every church a recruiting place for dry votes this fall.

The State University at Missoula

We are sold to Intermountain Union College and have confidence in President E. J. Klemme. It should have more money for operating expenses, the gymnasium should be built, I believe courses should be introduced which would give trained, specialized workers to the churches of the state. But not all the young can or will attend our College, and we should face the whole task. Among the 1600 students at Missoula there are 800 from Protestant Christian homes, 200 of them Methodists. The position of Student Pastor and the School of Religion is well established. These movements should have sympathetic recognition.

Our Institutions

The Epworth League Institute movement began in Montana nine years ago. Since that time three wonderful, scenic and well adapted properties have been secured. Improvements have been added year by year, and all will soon be unincumbered and self supporting. This year we had 16 courses, faculty of 14, enrollment of 610,374 received Certificates and 58 graduated with Diplomas. There were 29 who accepted the claims of the Christian life, 140 Life Service decisions, 14 of these for vocations within the church. The program was splendid supported by the presence of 48 pastors. Glacier Park Institute Camp comprises 40 acres of valuable timber land on Lake McDonald and with improvements is valued at $11,154.74.

Our Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital at Glasgow has no indebtedness. From August 1, 1927 to July 31, 1928, 617 patients were admitted. Receipts for the year were $19,465.70 with free bed work amounting to $584.00. Expenditures totaled $18,468.17 leaving a bank balance of $997.53 and there is in the sinking fund $901.56. There have been extensive improvements within the hospital and upon the grounds. The installation of an X-Ray by popular subscription meets a real need.

Much credit is due the Superintendent Miss Norah Feland and the Secretary Miss Willie M. Schrader. Our pastor C. H. Haynes has been a real friend to the institution.

Another good year has been written into the history of the Kennedy Deaconess Hospital at Havre. Superintendent and Assistant Miss Ruth Robertson and Miss Dona Watts have surpassed the record of the first year as indicated by the following. From August 1, 1927 to August 1, 1928, 1010 patients were treated, receipts were $37,631.81 with free service amounted to $2129.37. Expenditures were $36,160.64. On the building fund was paid $1875, and for furniture and equipment $1049.81. The bank balance is $4,730.72. Robert C. Edgington with divided time between the Bozeman and Havre Hospitals, reports cash raised for the latter institution, $10,490.00. There remains on the Bond Issue a debt of $54,000.00. At this time the Conference will be asked to approve the borrowing of $10,000 from the Bitting Bonding Company to take care of the flock of $200.00 notes issued a year ago. The obligations of the hospital will then total $64,000.00. The local pastor, G. O. Parish, has rendered valuable assistance in the hospital program.

Suggestions

The future church and civilization will be built out of children and youth. In many of our churches the latter are conspicuous largely by their absence. It is not because they are so irreligious nor so morally corrupt—as some have contended. In multiplied thousands of contacts with youth during twelve years as an Institute Dean, I am convinced that youth is not growing worse, but better. The trouble is we have not discovered the youth of this changing age. In a survey of the interests of youth this summer, we discovered that for the major problems of young people today, the church has not a word to say and of course not a place in her program. We need to carry over something of the problem method of the field of education, we need to start with real life experiences, in other words we better adopt Jesus method and "place the child in the midst." Along this line the Epworth League is making a daring adventure in topics and discussions the coming year.

The type of church program for Montana is undoubtedly The Larger Parish. This involves not a string of disconnected preaching points, but a whole section of towns and country administered as one unit, with a related program, frequent all-parish fellowships, official conferences, evangelistic efforts and training institutes. The goal should be the setting up of a Christian social order in that area. With that conception any parish is a compelling task, and may be made as important as the minister is willing to make it. The call for the dedication of a life ministry to that kind of an enterprise is Montana's challenge to preacher men.

World Service is World Safety. The missionary movement is not an emotional matter, but a necessity for statesmanship. The nations are at the cross roads. It is Christ or chaos. Service cannot be rendered without financial support, yet each year we are faced with diminishing returns. Neither can real Christianization go on without warmth and conviction at the heart of the church. Perhaps we need pause with quotas and percentages until we tarry awhile with our Lord and really see the waiting world, the confused races of men, and then yearning heart of God. We must stay the cuts in benevolent giving the tragedy of which is felt around the world and the backwash of which brings us a difficult ten per cent in all maintenance appropriations in Montana this year. Let us organize to meet the financial needs, but shall we preceed it by inspiring an ardent, passionate love for God and humanity in the hearts of our people.

Conclusion

Ours is the challenge to an important, unfinished task. The call of God is upon us. The World is Waking and Waiting.

The warmth of evangelism must spiritualize the open minded quest for reality in capturing folks for Christ today.

The religious training program must be improved and enlarged in order to prepare people for the adventure of real Christian living and serving.

World mindedness must be projected into the thinking and experience of our people. That was the outreach of Jesus thought and compassion. Christian stewardship must furnish the accompaniment for the World Service marching program.

To that program of Evangelism, Christian Education, and World Missions we welcome the leadership of Bishop Wallace E. Brown. We believe his heart is right, he has the richest training, he shares with John Wesley in the world passion. We welcome you to share in this enterprise which is going to effect civilization for the next thousand years.

Most of all we crave the comradship of Jesus Christ. On the Emmaus way the deciples met him, their hearts were warmed, their eyes were opened and they knew him. To know him, that is enough. To walk, and share, and serve and live with him, there is nothing more beyond. I am praying that we may travel with Christ on the Emmaus road of the prairie trail, the city street, the highways of God's coming kingdom.

CECIL LESLIE CLIFFORD.

THE HELENA DISTRICT

Jesse W. Bunch, Superintendent

Bishop Brown and Brother Ministers:

This report has been prepared in part, if not wholly, on the train, so if the smell of smoke, the grind of wheels or even occasionally a cinder is in it—here is explanation enough. Four years ago our Conference declared that 'speed is better than stagnation' and by vote limited the superintendent's report to twenty minutes. We shall seek to keep within this limit. To this end I shall leave it to the heads of our Institutions to give due mention of their co-workers. For the most part I shall leave it to the pastors in charge to give the final and exact statistics of the gains and losses in membership and in World Service. These statistics will be heard on the floor of the Conference, will be recorded in the Minutes, and we believe will be recorded in Heaven's Book of Life. I shall have concern here for matters more distinctly district in character.

It may be urged that appreciation, like happiness, is not altogether unselfish—one cannot scatter it on others without spilling a bit on himself. Whether unselfish or not this much is certain, appreciation can be altogether genuine. Our General Conference sent our honored Bishop, H. Lester Smith, to another Area; and then, with a most generous spirit, sent us one whom we shall equally delight to honor. Already we have found Bishop Brown kindly in spirit, cordial and human. Bishop, the Helena District joins the other districts in welcoming you and Mrs. Brown to the Helena Area, and in pledging a loyal and lasting support. May I add to this my personal and genuine appreciation of the men of the Helena District, the cordial welcome into the parsonage homes, the hospitality of preachers and people, and the courteous treatment of the railroads and fellow travelers. It seems to me that for five years there has been about me a sort of benevolent conspiracy—a conspiracy of friendliness, of cordiality and of kindness. The destiny of a superintendent is not, as the saying goes, 'in the laps of the Gods'; rather his destiny, his joy and the service he is able to render is in the hands of his fellow workers. My joy has been full.

The Helena District

Heretofore we have said little about the Helena District—suffer now a very modest word. The tallest smoke stack in the world and the largest smelter plant of its kind in the world is within the metes and bounds of this District—at Anaconda. The richest hill on the planet is here—Butte. Herein is the capitol of this great inland empire—Helena. Herein is a city bidding for the title of most progressive and beautiful in the state—Great Falls. The two largest sapphire mines in the world are here—above Utica. A certain author gained national reputation a few years back by describing the pain in the northwest—the famous triangle. Much of that pain was in the Helena District. Prophets estimate that this place of pain will produce fifteen million bushels of wheat this year. How extensive is our buried treasure, our oil and minerals, no one can tell (and if we told it, no one would believe us.) Our productive plans, our forest-covered mountains, our valleys deep and wide—all are resources to be reckoned with in developments that are to be. What I said three years ago I still believe that in Helena District we never pay our preachers a salary of less than $5000. Of course only about fifteen hundred of this is in cash and the balance must be had in glorious sunsets, in matchless mountains, in pleasant valleys and in riotous streams filled with lusty trout. But best of all, the Helena District joins with the other districts in offering to its ministers a chance. A chance to front difficulties, a chance to face hardships, a chance to build foundations. Paul said of Ephesus that he must tarry there because 'the door was open and there were many adversaries.' Montana is rich in her multiplied needs. She needs a ministry that will be equally rich in the sacrifice it is willing to make. She needs laymen whose lives will exemplify a Christian fortitude as well as a rustic righteousness. She needs the gold of Christian brotherhood more than she needs the gold of commerce. She needs God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and the Christian church; and the good ministers of Jesus Christ are commissioned to bring to her the satisfaction of her needs.

What of the Year?

At the close of Conference last year every charge on the Helena District giving promise of support was filled. Then, because of ill health, Brother Robert Cuthbertson transferred from Choteau to Yerrington, Nevada. Brother Arvin Canole left the work at Lewistown and the ministry, surrendering his credentials. Brother William Koehler transferred from Hobson-Benchland Circuit to California Conference. In after-Conference adjustments, Brother Louis Ortmayer took the work at Lewistown; Brother E. R. Kaemmer went to Choteau and Brother Lucian Jones is supplying the work at Townsend. This left the important rural fields of Winnett and Benchland-Hobson without a pastor in charge, to the regret of all. During this interim, Winnett has done the impossible—thanks to the leadership of C. R. Harmison, the church debt of $1883 has been completely liquidated. Hobson and Benchland have carried their Sunday Schools vigorously forward. Leadership must be found for these fields.

Brief Mention of Notable Progress among the Churches

Anaconda—Forrest Werts, pastor has added 70 new members and has spent $1790 on buildings and improvements. A spacious new parsonage is now in process of construction.

Augusta-Simms—Leo. Baldwin, pastor, added seventeen new members, and improved property to the extent of $110. Brother Baldwin has served this work for some 16 years. He is beloved of all.

Belt—F. E. Dodds, pastor, reports eight new members, the parsonage painted and property improved with an investment of $185—plans underway for addition of social room to the church.

Benchland-Hobson—Wm. Koehler, part-time pastor, has seven new members and $550 spent on property improvements.

Brady-Dutton Circuit—Harry T. Stong, pastor, four members received. Beautiful new parsonage costing about $3000 is now complete: of this amount $697 in cash and labor was raised during the year—other improvements amount to $345.

Grace and Wesley—Edward Smith, pastor, reports twenty-two members added, and a splendid addition to the church property and parsonage improvements, totaling $1875, paid in full. The world Service quota of $700 has been paid in full, as usual.

Mountain View—Charles Cole, pastor, added ten members, spent $4140 on improvements and reduced the church debt $1100.

Trinity and Mount Bethel—F. T. Spencer, pastor, added ten members, and spent $1113 on improvements. This pastor completes six years on the Trinity work and nine years on the Mount Bethel end of the work. He renders a truly unique service.

Unity and Silver Bow Park—Earnest Mills, pastor, has had a good year under difficult conditions and spent $97 for improvements on the church property.

Cascade—B. D. Fridley, pastor, reports three new members, $350 spent on buildings and improvements; and the final payment of $76.88 made on the church debt.

Choteau Circuit—E. R. Kaemmer, pastor, added six members and spent $329 on improvements. This community is badly in need of a new church building, and pastor and people are planning to this end.

Denton—A. E. Plummer, pastor, added twenty-one members and spent $300 in improving the property. Preparations are now under way for the building of an educational-recreational unit to the church.

Fort Benton Circuit—W. P. Jinnett, pastor, received twenty-nine new members, made improvements totaling $90 and paid the World Service quota of $600 in full.

Geraldine-Highwood Circuit—Edwin Dover, pastor, reports fifty four new members and church property improved to the extent of $565. New pews and pulpit chairs at Highwood make this one of our finest small churches.

Grass Range—Belle Harmon, pastor, reports fourteen new members and $1500 spent on property. The foundation for the new chapel is in, and the old church is being made into a community center.

Great Falls—H. Styles Harriss, pastor; M. J. Wilcox, Associate, reports an addition of 285 new members, $10,225 spent on buildings and improvements, and $2,100 on the church debt. Boston Heights church was completely renovated and the West Side Church was dedicated by Bishop Smith.

At Helena, St. Paul's Church—Martin E. Van de Mark, pastor, 29 have been received into membership and $259 expended for property improvements. St. Paul's Church is rendering a splendid spiritual ministry to our Intermountain students. At Coburn, Clancy and Winston, Donald Baldwin and Harold Engdahl associate pastors with Martin Van de Mark, have given faithful service. A troublesome debt at Coburn hangs like a pall over our work.

Lewistown—Louis Ortmayer, pastor, reports twenty new members, and $821 spent on property.

Marysville, Wm. Pippy, pastor, difficulty has been encountered due to the closing of the mines.

Monarch Circuit—The Rev. A. C. Snow, pastor, has been compelled to leave the field because of ill health. He is now endeavoring to regain his health in the home of a daughter near Spokane.

Moore Circuit—T. T. Fike, pastor, added one new member and spent $200 in shingling the parsonage and in improvements. This field presents problems unique and difficult.

Stockett Circuit—J. A. Martin, pastor finds progress difficult due to the closing of the mines; however the people are rallying and better days are ahead.

Townsend Circuit—Lucian Jones, pastor, added twelve new members, spent $211 on property and paid $270 on an old debt.

Sun River—Bro. Job Little and Donald Baldwin shared in part-time service. The building has been shingled and otherwise improved, a new piano purchased, and new pews are now in order. A small gift from the Home Board will help greatly.

Valier Circuit—H. W. Woods, pastor, reports 29 new members, $230 for improvements, and $400 final payment on the old debt. Well done!

Winifred Circuit—has cleared its property of debt by raising $1565 in cash and $820 in notes. Happy people!

Winnett has covered all indebtedness, a total of $1883.

In General

Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been reported: Belt, Brady, Dutton, Grace, Mountain View and Trinity, Great Falls, St. Paul's, Coburn, Clancy, Lewistown, Townsend, Moore, Garniell, and Choteau.

Our property is now in the best repair that it has known for many years. We are steadily reducing our indebtedness. We have made gains in membership indicating a wholesome evangelistic emphasis. Our religious- educational program was never better. Our Institute registration, morale and spirit was never better. Except in one or two communities where blight has destroyed the crops and where a too heavy debt dissipated the enthusiasm, the spirit of our laymen and churches is splendid. Our Sunday Schools have reached a high water mark in attendance and interest. But I must record here that multiplied campaigns have surely reduced the totals of our world service giving. We are surely giving a total for all causes of more than ever before but we are surely and steadily falling in our World Service giving. This aught not so to be—"we must turn the tide!" "HELP THOSE GOOD WOMEN." The Scriptural injunction—"help those women" has been revised —it is those good women helping us. Aids that report their work in four figures are Great Falls $3338, St. Paul's Helena $1568, Trinity-Mount Bethel Butte $1228, Dutton $1225, Grace church Butte $1215, Anaconda $1173, and Lewistown $1154. In the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies the good women have done equally well.

Our Institutions

Our Deaconess School in the valley at Helena reports one of the best years in its history. Under the able leadership of Miss Roxana Beck, our school has been filled to capacity. Rev. John Chirgwin reports $21,067 secured from the field and a recent campaign in Helena added nine thousand more. It is hoped that the Brother Van Memorial Building will be ready for occupation by Thanksgiving.

The Intermountain Union College report is full of encouragement. Dr. E. J. Klemme has given himself unreservedly to this great cause. Among the steps to progress we note that $25,000 has been set aside as endowment for a chair in Bible; that the endowment is slowly but surely increasing; the summer school is self-supporting; the current indebtedness is practically covered; and the student loan fund is growing. The gymnasium is still our pressing need. The day of sacrifice for this our Christian college is not over.

The Great Falls Deaconess Hospital registers another great year of service under the Superintendency of Miss E. Augusta Ariss. The hospital treated 3865 patients during the year, an increase of 200 over the previous year. Sixty girls are in the Training School. The revenue for the year exceeded the cost by a small margin. Rev. J. A. Martin has given the hospital a most efficient business administration.

The Butte Deaconess hospital faces a most critical and tragic situation. Rev. Alexander has sought every possible avenue of relief and without avail. Only a superhuman effort and sacrifice can avert a tragedy here.

I am happy to announce that the $8500 debt against the hospital lots in Lewistown, purchased years ago, through the untiring and sacrificial efforts of Rev. Belle Harmon and coworkers has finally been reduced to the vanishing point.

King's Hill Institute

Under the able management of Edwin Dover, with a faculty unsurpassed, and with our peerless Dean, Cecil Leslie Clifford, in charge, this year's Insittute goes down on the records as one of the very best ever held on our King's Hill grounds. Five years ago we registered 173. This year our registration was 247. M. J. Wilcox acted as chief booster. Midwinter Institutes held at Helena and Butte brought a gratifying attendance and interest.

The Area Messenger

The uncertainty of what the General Conference held in store for the Helena Area made it impossible to push the campaign for subscriptions. Subscriptions now total 1938, for Montana; Glacier Park District 508; Yellowstone District 650; Helena District 780. This is far from gratifying—instead of 2750 subscriptions for the Area, there should be no less than ten thousand. On the financial side: two years ago we closed our books with $4.65 on hand. Last year we had $21.60, a gain of 500%. We submit that not many lines of business made so great a gain. A club list from every church in the Area is not impossible and it would make the MESSENGER the most powerful and influential church paper in the whole area. Miss S. Irene Gordon deserves all credit for her consecrated and efficient work on the MESSENGER. Dr. Charles Bovard and Dr. E. J. Klemme have contributed largely of their time and council.

Special Mention

We would not overlook the signal service rendered by one of our number, William Pippy, Chaplain at Fort Harrison. Brother Pippy has made 5517 visits during the last eleven months of which 294 were on the very sick and dying. He has been the instrument of God for many truly deep conversions. He has written 565 letters for the sick and translated 405 items of business ranging from the purchase of a pair of socks to the selling of over $15,000 worth of bonds. He has preached every Sunday morning, to a total of 1800 men. Word just comes that the Grand Lodge of Montana Masons has discontinued its provisions for this work—surely this is tragic news.

Our Veterans

Our VETERANS OF THE CROSS—Job Little, John Hosking, A. C. Snow, and Dr. C. L. Bovard—God bless them! they are the church's best. We pray that the evening hour may be long.

In Memoriam

We shall miss from our members Bro. M. H. Needham and Bro. William Pascoe. The death of little Olive Plummer has brought a great sorrow to the parsonage home in Denton. Out on the hillside a sacred place has been made beautiful by tender care and nurture of loving parents. Only the solace of the presence of the Christ of Calvary is sufficint for such hours as this.

A Look Backward, and Forward

At this conference session I close five hard and happy years on the District and my heart is full of love and good will. If it is not out of

place and if I can do so without seeming to be presumptious I desire to record here a few observations and conclusions.

1. I have come to believe more and more that the Church is working on the greatest task in the world—the task of building character, of moulding personality, of making the world from what it is to what it ought to be.

2. If the church is to become a center of life and interest it must first be a center of service—the "church must go out and capture the world or the world will come in and capture the church."

3. The organization best suited to a program of progress in the church is the Unit System modified to meet the local conditions. Where the Unit System of work can be headed up into the personal workers group and meet for fifteen minutes at the close of the Sunday evening service for instruction by the pastor—for prayer and council, the plan is ideal and most effective.

4. The Epworth League Institute is the most hopeful and effective factor on the horizon of church progress. During these very years after the world war, with its inevitable sag in morals and standards, when the wet press is telling us that our youth is hopelessly lost, we have more than trebled our attendance and effectiveness in our Institutes.

5. The plan of the District as conceived by Dr. Clifford and practiced at Great Falls is the most far reaching and progressive step taken by our church in many years. Sponsored by our church Board, it has possibilities unlimited.

6. In many of our churches, two Quarterly conferences each year is sufficient. Let these be made into great and special occasions. Let the first set up the program of the year and the last one summarize the results. This will give the District Superintendent time for emphasis on other pressing fields of need such as evangelism, organization, and finances.

7. Fifty-four percent of our laymen feel as revealed in a recent questionnaire in our Quarterly Conferences that the local church is not meeting its obligation to the community. Fifty-nine percent believe that our World Service is not receiving adequate support, many expressing themselves with emphasis. This is most encouraging. BLESSED ARE THE DISCONTENTED—THEY SHALL SEEK AND FIND.

8. And last, five years ago I went on the District with the belief that our greatest need was the spirit, the life and the power of evangelism through Christ. This conviction has grown—herein is our supreme task!

"I heard Him call,
'Come follow'—that was all.
My gold grew dim,
My heart went after Him—
I rose and followed—that was all—
Who would not follow if they heard Him call?"

JESSE W. BUNCH,

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

Walter B. Spaulding, Superintendent

Bishop Brown and Brethren:

Sir Ernest Shackleton in his account of his perilous march across the icy regions of the South, says, "I cannot doubt that our party was divinely guided. It seemed to me often that there were not three but four. I said nothing to my companions on the point but afterwards Worsley said to me, 'Boss I had a curious feeling on the march that there was another Person with us' ".

As we have pressed foreward over the Yellowstone Trail this year we have tried always to be conscious of the directing influence of this 'Other person,' and when at times that Guiding hand seemed too lightly pressed against our own, there was still the consciousness of the prayers and spiritual presence of sympathetic brethren. This has been a revelation to me during the year. I did not know that such a spirit of sympathy and fellowship existed on this earth. It was indeed a bit of Heaven. This fact has enabled me to push forward with renewed courage.

The Field

The Yellowstone District contains 62,759 square miles, a territory equal to the states of New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Scattered over this vast domain of 25 counties is a population of 194,293 people. Counting the new boy in the Methodist Parsonage at Dillon we have 194,294 or about one-fourth the population of the city of Boston. Of this number 4,742 or 2.4% are called Methodists. Thus it would appear that our pastors would have to cover thirteen sections to find one Methodist. Distance is one of the great difficulties we have to face in ministering to our rural people. But as a matter of fact we serve much larger constituency than our own membership. Furthermore most of our people are centered in the mountain vales and along the irrigated valleys of the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers.

Another factor now making the church work difficult is the influx of a new type of citizen to work in the beet fields. Mexicans, Porto Ricans and Russian Germans are now supplanting the native American people who once supported our churches and furnished us with competent leadership. At present we are not ministering in any vital way to these new people and it looks as if some of our churches would soon have to close or become largely missionary in character.

We have two large coal mining centers on the district. Here again the English speaking miners are being supplanted by Italians and Finns, many of whom are either Catholic or anti-church and opposed to all religious work. Some of these mines are introducing labor saving machinery so that from one-third to one-half of the men are being laid off. The increased use of gas and electricity has greatly decreased the demand for coal so that the men work only part time. These factors have combined to make the church work in these mining centers very difficult.

There are three college towns on the district. The New Normal at Billings opened last fall with an enrollment of 154, of this number 63, or more than a third were of Mehtodist preference. At Bozeman 1011 were enrolled of whom 203 prefer the Methodist church. The enrollment at Dillon was somewhat smaller this year because of the new schools opening, but a large percentage attend the Methodist church. Of the 500 enrolled at Dillon 160 prefer the Methodist church.

But college students are likely to be non-denominational. They gravitate to the church and pastor which ministers in some vital way to their intellectual, social or spiritual needs. These students are a challenging opportunity and a grave responsibility. Our churches have been reaching many through the College Sunday School classes and the Epworth League program, but we trust that the church at large will make more adequate plans for this work in the near future. I suggest that a committee be appointed to bring in a report on Wesley Foundation work in these state institutions.

The Yellowstone District as a whole has enjoyed a year of financial prosperity. This portion of the state has been in the white on the nations business map during the entire twelve months. The live stock producers have received more satisfactory return this year than at any time since the World War. Last year we harvested the largest wheat crop ever produced in the state, and the total income was about

$25,000,000 more than the best previous year. About 40% of the farmers cleared off their mortgages. This year another good crop is being harvested especially in the east end of the state. Now if either Al. Smith or Herbert Hoover will guarantee economic justice to the farmer they will be on the sure road to recovery.

The Church and Her Ministry

We wish that we could speak in the same glowing terms of the prosperity of the churches, but not so. Most of our pastors are living on meager unpaid salaries, while the churches are run on scanty budgets which cripple their efficiency. Even the best churches and the most efficient pastors have had a hard struggle with their finances. We seem to have neither the gospel message nor the service program to challenge the talents, the time and the wealth of this era of culture and prosperity. The pastors complain of an indifferent pleasure-loving layity, while many laymen would cast the blame on an inefficient, untrained or insipid ministry. In the face of this indifference and critical attitude, most of the men on the district have been truly heroic in their loyalty to the truth and their devotion to the church. These very adversaries have proven a stimulating challenge and we believe that both pastor and people will arise for the fray.

Time and space makes it inadvisable to mention the individual men and their charges, and the incomplete reports sent the Superintendent makes generalizations difficult. The membership changes will not be large. A few of the churches have put on special evangelistic services during the year but most of the increases are due to the faithful shepherding of the flock by the pastors. Billings shows the largest number of new members received with seventeen admitted on confession of faith and fifty-five by letter. We believe that if every pastor met his Sunday School children in a pastor's training class for church membership, assisted his League in a Win-my-Chum Compaign, organized his laymen for visitation evangelism, called among his people in pastoral evangelism and then held evangelistic services during the special seasons he would have at least some sheaves to garner for the harvest. I would like to recommend that this conference petition the department of Evangelism for an evangelistic leader who will meet our men in several sub-district gatherings throughout the state for the purpose of training them in pastoral and visitation evangelism. And from these meetings we organize the pastors to carry on this work in the last charge on the district.

We have held seven Vacation Church Schools on the district this year. Fromberg, Bridger, Boyd, Red Lodge, Glendive, Harlowton and Hardin all put on such schools for two weeks or more. Fromberg was a splendid example of what can be done by the fidelity of a pastor and his family for they were the teaching force. They have done more to capture the community through these schools than could have been done by any other service.

The Ladies Aids on the district have rendered valuable services, not only in raising money but in their visits to the sick and the stranger. This seems to be about the only organization that can make the unit system function for the church. According to reports received the Sidney Ladies Aid has led the district in the amount of money raised during the year; with a total of $1663. Many of the churches have paid off back debts and several have made improvements on the church property. We were privileged to burn the mortgage on the parsonage at Reed Point this spring. Last March Bishop Smith opened the campaign at Roundup to clear up their indebtedness. Brother Fulford reports that more than $2300 has been raised. Pastor and people are rejoicing that they are soon to be out of debt.

The World Service totals are not complete, and we are fearful lest we shall record another slump in our benevolent giving. This is

in part due to conference coming nearly three weeks early. However there are a number of charges where the benevolent giving will equal if not surpass last year. They are as follows: Whitehall, Richey, Livingston, Huntley, Lavina and Ryegate, Forsyth, Clyde Park and Wilsall, Billings, Bridger and Boyd.

This has been a difficult year for some of the men as well as several of the charges. During the latter part of October Brother Latham suffered a ruptured appendix and was rushed to the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls where under the skill of the surgeon and the care of the nurses he was restored to health.

Brother Sifert of Richey met with a serious accident when a speeding truck wrecked his car and fractured his hip. He has been walking with crutches or a cane most of the year.

Early in the fall Brother Norton fell and broke his arm and again this summer has suffered a nervous breakdown. Since his operation in the Deaconess Hospital in Butte he has been feeling some better but was unable to continue his work. We are in hopes that he will be able to resume his work after conference.

Brother Greer underwent a very severe operation in the Billings hospital and has felt considerable better since, but the doctor has advised him not to take work this next year. Brother and sister Greer are now ready to start East where they will take up other work for a time and Brother Greer hopes to continue his studies. We wish them God speed and trust that they can soon be back with us in the ranks.

Brother Welch grew weary in well doing and about Easter time asked to be relieved so that he might take up other work. He is now selling insurance at Englwood, Colorado, and has asked for supernumerary relations. The first of May Brother Hannan was transfered from Fairview to take charge at Red Lodge and Roberts. The work seems to be progressing in a fine way. Fairview is now being served by Brother Hardy from Sidney. The companionate marriage of Methodists and Presbyterians at Fairview was unsatisfactory so they dissolved partnership. Reverend B. A. Shively who has been supplying at Laurel left for greener pastures the first of May. Several of the neighboring pastors and Mrs. Musselman and E. E. Collins from Billings have been supplying the work during the summer. Word has just been received that Brother Samuel Fletcher was on August 1st united in marriage to Miss Mary Brock at Davenport, Washington. He states that he had not expected to be married until next June so I suppose this is almost as big a surprise to him as it is to us.

Our Institutions

The Yellowstone District is blessed with splendid institutions. Miss Stout's report for the Sidney Deaconess Hospital is most encouraging. 674 patients have been received during the year, an average of 16.3 patients have been cared for each day. Their total receipts were $17,344 with $529.00 of free work. Their indebtedness has been reduced $1600. The hospital and nurses are held in high regard by the community.

The Forsyth Hospital was turned back to the county commissioners the first of May. The hospital has been unable to pay expenses for several years and when the leading surgeon left the city and the county commissioners agreed to assume all indebtedness we felt that it was the proper time to unload. Miss Gray and Brother Whitford labored faithfully to try to save the institution for Methodism and were reluctant to give up until the last. Since the first of May Miss Gray has been assisting at Sidney.

The Billings Hospital under the efficient superintendency of Miss Guilkey has made an enviable record during its first year. 1093 patients have been admitted and $1,271 of free work has been done. The total receipts for the year amounted to $49,245. Dr. Crouch as executive

secretary has raised $21,765 in cash for furniture, equipment and other expenses. He has been a tireless worker, often going beyond his strength. We are glad to learn that he is on the road to recovery and will be able to continue his efficient service.

Miss Ackerman reports another good year for the Bozeman Hospital. They have cared for 870 patients. The receipts have totaled $35,630. A campaign was launched last October under the direction of the Field Secretary Brother Edgington, and $38,102 was subscribed and $15,462 collected on these pledges.

The Cale estate at Miles City has left several thousand dollars to erect a new hospital at that place if the Methodist Church desires to undertake another such institution. Some action regarding the matter should be taken at this conference.

The Luccock Park Institute brought the biggest satisfaction of the year. The far seeing plans of my predecessor in the purchase and development of those beautiful institute grounds are being fulfilled. We were fortunate in having a splendid group of responsible parties upon whom we could rely for help. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Maris proved themselves royal hosts and efficient managers of the Institute. Brother Ponath and his workmen widened and improved the trail up the hill. Brother Aiton, the jovial scotchman, knows the grocery business and true to his native instinct was able to show a profit of $109 for the commissary. Mrs. Seaberg and the Livingston ladies donated their services in the kitchen and saved the institute $141. Mr. Seaberg said "Let there be light" and there was light all over the grounds. Then he loaned us $1250 which enabled us to get a deed to the land. More than enough lots were leased to take care of the mortgage as it comes due. A generous collection Sunday morning has enabled the Association to pay all bills past and present with a balance in the treasury of $128. Surely the heavens smiled upon us in many ways. There was a large enrollment of earnest youth, the best faculty ever assembled and an ideal week for camping. The future for Luccock Park is bright. We must now enlist the Sunday Schools in the same enterprise. We need some noble triumvirate to do for the Church Schools of Montana what Vernon E. Lewis, Jesse Bunch and Dr. Clifford have done for the Leagues. I suggest that the committee on Religious Education name such a committee and that the conference authorize them to begin work for next summer.

Church Extension and Church Comity

There are more unchurched than over-churched people in Montana. Thus we need an earnest policy of church extension as well as a sane policy of church comity. Our policy of expending missionary money and our method of developing the home field leads me to suggest that we rename the home board, calling it the Board of Home Missions and Church Extinction. We have 12 to 15 abandoned church properties on the district, and in most cases an abandoned church means an abandoned people. To save missionary money we discontinued one of the District Superintendents making it impossible for the other three to do any promotional work. For the same reason we eliminated the Sunday School missionaries and Missionary Evangelist. This year we have a ten percent cut in maintainance which will necessitate the withdrawal of some of our pioneering ministers from needy fields. In a sister denomination with only a few more members than are found in our churches on the Yellowstone district, five Sunday School men are kept in the field visiting neglected communities. Another denomination which operates almost entirely within this district has kept three field men most of the year and during the summer brought in nine special community workers who have conducted vacation Church Schools in some 40 to 50 rural communities. We as Methodists, could not or did not furnish one such worker. The church that ministers to the outlying com-

munities has the right to expect to control the centers in the near future.

A few denominational exchanges are proving a blessing to the local communities and a satisfaction to the church at large. The Musselshell-Ryegate exchange is slowly being consumated. Our trustees have been reluctant to transfer the Musselshell property over to the other church but have finally consented to do so. We are already using the Congregational church at Ryegate and their people are cooperating with Brother Peck in a fine community service. We are ready for the Conference to take action on the exchange of Alzada and Baker for the congregational churches at Plains, Paradise, Dixon and Arlee. This seems to have met with the approval of all of the communities concerned and they are awaiting our action.

With the cutting off of the missionary appropriations and the development of the larger parishes there will no doubt be several other such adjustments to be made. The Home Boards are recommending such action, the local people are requesting it and the public conscience is demanding it. However there are two principles which I feel should be observed before final action is taken. The local people should vote for it and the Annual Conference should approve it.

Finally brethren, let us remember that a victorious church must be championed by victorious souls. Like priest like people has ever been true. An autocratic hand held the European churches in bondage until Luther spoke for liberty. A dry as dust formality smothered the church of England until a Wesley gave it breath. A money-mad, pleasure-loving people will continue to drift until another Amos or a Stanley Jones shatters our complacency. We have tried our substitutes. A recent speaker says, "The day before yesterday we had the social movement, then the healing movement and the institutional church; later came dramatics, followed by religious education attached to psychology, now the worship movement and tomorrow who knows what? We have movements but not the thing that moves." We as ministers have not touched reality. We fear that the church must needs sink lower before it will rise higher. "The world is too much with us early and late." I have here a letter from the Moderator of the Congregational Church in which he says, "I have come more clearly to the conviction that our great need as churches is a more profound religious experience on the part of ourselves as ministers, in order that this may somehow pass on creatively into the life of the church membership as a whole. We must renew our great convictions, deepen our devotion and loyalty to our cause and to Christ." The Methodist Church has membership enough, financial backing enough and organization enough to usher in the Kingdom of God, but the sad fact remains that we have not enough of the Spirit of Christ. Let us pray for a baptism of His Spirit which will lead to a religious awakening.

WALTER B. SPAULDING.

(b.) Standing Committees

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your auditors have examined and found correct all the account books of the Conference to-wit:

District Superintendents: C. L. Clifford, Jesse Bunch, W. B. Spaulding. Board of Stewards: W. Pippy. Board of Trustees: C. Cole. Minute Fund: John Kuller.

W. L. BENNETT, Auditor.

ASSESSMENTS TO CHARGES

Note: Pastor's cash salary does not include missionary money.

1. District Superintendent 10% of pastor's cash salary.
2. Episcopal Fund 2% of pastor's cash salary plus house rent.
3. Conference Claimants 10% of pastor's cash salary.

(These Must Be Pro-rated)

4. Minute fund ¼ of 1% of pastor's cash salary.
   (This fund for conference minutes and conference expenses.)
5. General Conference Expense ½ of 1% of pastor's cash salary.
6. Area Office 1% of pastor's cash salary.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS

We acknowledge the Methodist Book Concern to be one of the great service agencies of the church. It merits our enthusiastic cooperation and loyal support first, because its products are unsurpassed in quality, and second, because the amount of the check which comes to our conference claimants fund every year from the Methodist Book Concern is always in proportion to the amount of our purchases.

The unanimous action of this conference to place an Advocate in the home of every official member, and to increase the present list of subscribers by at least 400, should be accepted as a noble challenge.

We recommend that October 28th, the last Sunday of the month, be observed as Good Literature Day. The deep thought and clear statements, found in the splendid editorials of the Pacific Christian Advocate, touching the great Christian realities pertaining to national and international problems, should inspire every man to put into Good Literature Day something more than a mere announcement from the pulpit. We can get the fine ideas and ideals of the Advocate to the people by actually getting subscriptions.

Since many homes are being flooded with dangerous and pernicious literature we should make a special effort to keep continually before our members and constituents such literature as will aid in the developing of a Christian consciousness.

There has been a complete revision of the graded Sunday School material up to and including the lessons for the first year of the intermediate department. This splendid revised material should be carefully examined by every school; and the pastor should urge the use of Methodist Book Concern Sunday School literature in all Sunday Schools. No better Sunday School publications can be found.

We were specially delighted to have with us this year Dr. John H. Race, the Senior member of the publishing agents. His inspiring address, his brotherly spirit, and his check for $609 all helped to make this a good conference session.

The unusual large and fine display of books, and the helpful and courteous service of manager J. J. Brauer and Mr. G. E. Stewart have been deeply appreciated.

We feel that the Area Messenger has rendered a great service and that it has not yet outlived its usefulness. We therefore express our appreciation of the sacrificial service of the editor, and urge continued support of the paper.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN HALDEMAN, Chairman.
HARRY T. STONG, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS

Your committee acting upon reports from our various institutions and causes demanding financial causes receive recognition and support.

1. We heartily endorse the campaign for Minister's Pension and Relief under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Meeke and recommend that this cause be given Right of Way throughout the year for the completion of the $150,000 fund asked for. $140,000 already raised.

2. That Intermountain Union College be given every assistance possible in the collection of subscriptions on endowment, and that a day be named by the administrative officers on which the cause of Christian Education shall be presented and the needs of the school set forth.

3. That the Deaconess School be granted the right of soliciting for $20,000 to carry forward the building program and provide for maintainance.

4. That Dr. Crouch continue the campaign for $25,000 needed to complete the Billings Deaconess Hospital. $8000 raised during year.

5. That for the Butte Deaconess Hospital every effort be made to liquidate the indebtedness at as early a date as possible.

6. That requests for local campaigns for Bozeman ($20,000) and Havre ($10,000) be granted. Total $197,000 plus amount needed for Butte.

We, your committee, recommend that the official representatives get together with the 3 District Superintendents and that they shall constitute themselves as a Cooperative Finance Committee and work out some cooperative plan for these campaigns.

We recommend that the members of the Conference arrange to give as freely as possible of their time to the carrying on of these various campaigns.

We further recommend that the Conference ask the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work, for $500 for expenses for the Butte Campaign for Debt.

CHARLES G. COLE, Chairman.
CHARLES M. DONALDSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED

By M. E. Van de Mark

Whereas, in the planting of Methodism in Montana no man was more loved and respected or did any grander work than the late W. W. Van Orsdel, and,

Whereas, we rejoice in the near completion of the wonderful monument erected to his memory on the campus of the Montana Deaconess School, in the City of Helena, and,

Whereas, in the raising of finances to erect this beautiful building not a public collection has ever been taken in any of our Methodist churches,

Wherefore, be it resolved, that the nearest Sunday to Thanksgiving Day, which is set apart by our General Conference to Deaconess Work, be given to the Brother Van Memorial this year; that a sermon

be preached in each Methodist church on Deaconess work in Montana, or on Brother Van; proper literature be distributed, and our Methodist people (some of whom have never been solicited for this cause) be given opportunity to make an offering for the memorial; that this annual conference authorize the Bishop to make the appropriate proclamation.

DEACONESS BOARD

Minutes of the Conference Deaconess Board, Annual Meeting, at Lewistown, August 21, 1928

Miss Ethel Lane Guilkey led the devotions using for her theme "Count Your Blessings" and basing her remarks upon the 139th Psalm.

Miss Anna V. Mecum read a most inspiring paper on "The Present Status of Deaconess Work." The paper was prepared and read by Miss Margaret M. Brooks, Personnel Secretary of the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work, Chicago. Miss Brooks cited Montana's method of using the whole day previous to the Annual Conference for the session of the Conference Deaconess Board as most exemplary; the paper throughout was most inspiring and meant much to all who were permitted to hear it, in the way of enlightment upon the subject.

All were interested in Miss Angeline Wieranga's paper on "A Phase of Deaconess Work not found in Montana," her theme being "The Work of the Deaconess at the Immigrant Stations of Our Country" naming in particular the work of Miss Matthews at Ellis Island and Miss Mauer at Angel Island.

High water mark of the morning was reached when Miss E. Augusta Ariss closed the symposium on "Why I remain a Deaconess," with an inspirational address out of her thirty years of experience. The paper follows:

Miss Ariss' Paper—Why I Remain a Deaconess

My answer to this question is found in Mark, 10-28:30. "Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's. But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions: and in the world to come eternal life."

This has been true in my life and I have never made any sacrifice but what I have received a hundredfold.

As I look over my thirty years of experience in Deaconess work, I can see several reasons for remaining in the work.

First, is my love for folks. I have always loved people and the Deaconess work has brought Three large Groups of people into my life, whose association, fellowship, and Christian contact has meant much to me.

The first group, at the Chicago Training School—splendid, eager, interested young women—searching for their life investment, together with the faculty of finely developed Christian leaders. In this group we can find Mrs. Lucy Ryder Meyer and her husband, and many others who contributed much to my character.

Next comes the group at Toronto, where I was associated with the Deaconess work for five years. Here I found congenial souls who were serving the church and kingdom in a large way, and who especially in Christian service added much to my life.

Next is the group in Montana, especially in Great Falls. Looking down through the years of service spent here, I find such folks as Brother Van, "the Apostle of the West," the ministers and their wives of this great state. The deaconesses, the nurse deaconesses, who have walked out from our hospital into the Superintendency of other hospitals. In

this group we find the body of student nurses, whose bright young lives and eager anticipations, have brought much to us to enjoy.

The second reason is my opportunities for travel. Since I have been a Deaconess I have travelled all over the continent. My journeys have taken me through most of the National Parks, into many of the large cities, to the Battlefield of Gettysburg, yes, into the White House, where I was introduced to the president. I have travelled, and quite extensively by automobile, and next week I expect to fly over the Rocky Mountains into the city of Butte.

The third reason, the privilege and the responsibility I have had in the handling of money. Since I have been in the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, there has been over two millions of actual cash pass through my hands. Money is power and we should not regard it lightly. I feel it is a sacred charge and we must use it with great care. Every Deaconess and every Christian worker ought to have a bank account. I have influenced many christian women to do this, and feel that I have contributed something worth while to their success in so doing.

The fourth reason. I am a deaconess today because of the FAITH that is mine through my experience in the work. When one of our nurses was dying a few years ago, I bent over the bed and asked her if Jesus was near. She clung to my hand and made this reply: "That if she had ever known in health that he could have been such a 'friend', she never would have doubted him." This has kept me from doubting many times throughout the years.

In Deaconess work I have learned to PRAY. I first learned to pray at my mother's knee. Next I learned to pray in the Chicago Training School. When it came my turn to lead the morning worship, I found my Episcopal Prayer Book and learned a prayer which I hope to repeat at this service, but lest I should forget it, I decided to copy one and read it. Then I feared lest one of the Faculty should see me, so when the time came, I read the bible and prayed aloud for the first time in my life. I next learned to pray in what we now call the Annex, the first small building of our hospital. When the days were dark and the obstacles seemingly unsurmountable I found relief in prayer. When we did not have very much to eat and the purse was empty and no patients coming in, again I prayed, and each time the Lord answered and opened his hand of blessing to us. Truly I can say with the Psalmist: "How precious are thy thoughts unto me O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them they were more in number than the sands of the sea."

In this blessed work of ours I have developed a deep love for the bible. It has been "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Many times I have rested upon its promises and found comfort in them. My heart is filled with love today, because of this great work and I thank God that He ever called me into Its service.

I expect to remain a Deaconess so long as my life shall last and I will never cease to praise God for having called me into the work, and for the great company of blessed women who have been associated with me. I love the Deaconess work and the Deaconess Costume. I love the church of which I am privileged to be a part, and I feel that God has highly honored me, by setting me apart for this service. I look into the future with confidence and trust for "He Knoweth the way that I take."

The topic of greatest interest to all was the General Conference legislation of 1928. Rev. Charles G. Cole, delegate to General Conference and serving on the Deaconess Committee at that time, opened up the discussion.

Dr. N. E. Davis, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work, who was the master hand throughout the deliberations upon this important subject at the General Conference, then took up the discussion and made lucid all points in doubt. All

interested persons will do well to secure a copy of the new discipline and study paragraphs relating to changes in such matters as the health certificate and educational qualifications of the Probationary deaconess, the age limits for a licensed deaconess and her consecration, her sabbatical year, her retirement, and relief.

The afternoon was spent in routine business concerning the affairs of the Board.

At the Roll Call the following persons responded:

Ariss, E. Augusta; Ackerman, Edith R.; Beck, Roxana; Brattin, Carl; Bunch, Rev. Jesse W.; Chirgwin, Rev. John; Clifford, Rev. C. L.; Cloud, Stella R.; Cole, Rev. Chas. G.; Crouch, Rev. Charles D.; Edgington, Rev. Robt. E.; Giddings, Lillian; Guilkey, Ethel Lane; Harmon, Rev. Belle C.; Lacklen, Rev. Jesse; Little, Rev. J. H.; Martin, Rev. J. A.; Mecum, Anna V.; Ortmayer, Rev. Louis L.; Parish, Rev. George O.; Piper, Helen C.; Pippy, Rev. William; Robertson, Ruth E.; Schrader, Wille M.; Spaulding, Rev. Walter B.; Stout, Josephine; Teachman, Corabelle M.; Van de Mark, Rev. Martin E.; Walther, Emily E.; Wieranga, Angeline.

The President asked Dr. N. E. Davis to preside and the body proceeded with the election of officers, who are as follows:

Officers and Executive Committee

Officers: Roxana Beck, President; Edith R. Ackerman, Vice-president; Ethel Lane Guilkey, Vice President; Emily E. Walther, Secretary; Rev. William Pippy, Treasurer.

Members of the executive committee: See above officers, also Charles D. Crouch, Miss E. Augusta Ariss, and Miss Helen C. Piper.

Committee on promotion and deaconess work: Edith R. Ackerman, Jesse W. Bunch, E. B. Elwell.

Committee on Transfer and Conference Relation: Josephine Stout; J. A. Martin, David Hardy.

Committee on Recruiting and Licensing: C. D. Crouch, Job. H. Little, Emily E. Walther.

Committee on Finance: William Pippy, Walter Grogan, Corabelle Teachman.

Committee on Examinations: Ruth Robertson, Ethel Lane Guilkey, Grace H. Linfield.

Disciplinary Questions

In response to the disciplinary questions the following replies were made:

(1) Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved? YES.

(2) Transfers.

(B) Who are to be received by transfer at this session and from what Conference. Gertrude Schaal, from Des Moines.

(3 and 4) Answered in the negative.

(5) (A) Who are the Probationers in the studies of the First Year? Margaret De Sellem. Has finished but is held in first year because of ill health. Gertrude Jane Buckles, is not taking conference course of study because of ill health.

(B) Who are the probationers in the studies of the second year? Esther McDonald and Ellen May Burgess.

(6) Who have been licensed as Deaconesses? Mary A. Hoole, August 21, 1928.

(7) Who have been consecrated as Deaconesses during the year? Mary A. Hoole, August 26th, 1928 at the hands of Bishop Wallace E. Brown.

(9) Who are to be readmitted? Myrtle Childerhose, Butte, August 21st. Minnie A. Piper, Helena, August 21st.

(10) Who are the retired Deaconesses? Blanche L. Baker, Fredricksburg, Texas.

(13) Who have been granted leave of absence during the year? Rosa B. Smith, Evanston, Ill. to attend school. Maude E. Carter, Chicago, Ill. serving in Cook County Hospital. Marian Schmitt, ill in Sanitarium at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Who are to be granted leave of absence at this session? Marian Schmitt, Colorado Springs, Colorado, ill.

(16) Who have withdrawn? Lola Mae Hill, Havre, Montana, married.

(20) Where are the Deaconesses appointed? (See appointments).

The reports of the field men were held for the Conference session and the Deaconess Superintendents made brief reports of the internal workings of their respective institutions.

On May 1st, 1928 the hospital operating at Forsyth under Deaconess Management for the past seven years, was turned back to the County Officials of Rosebud County. Miss Helen Richmond who is serving a church in South California on leave of absence was restored to active relationship dating from September 1, 1927. Miss Richmond desires to be transferred to the Conference within which she is serving. The Executive Committee was given power to act in the matter when the request is made.

Maydah Ann Holden was withdrawn as Associate Deaconess also Miss Lena Wilmarth. Marguerite Hammerly is now a licensed deaconess serving in Indiana. Miss Lucy Abbott Joslin to whom an honorable discharge was granted Aug. 23, 1917 asked to be re-instated. Her request was granted and she was ordered to produce a health certificate which is to be sent to the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work, Chicago, Ill., who will take action concerning her eligibility to the Pension Fund.

Rev. Robt. E. Edgington requested a loan of $10,000.00 for the Kennedy Deaconess Hospital to pay off pressing notes. The Board gave approval to the Trustees of this hospital to secure another $10,000.00 additional loan from the Wm. C. Bitting and Co.

The meeting adjourned with inspiring remarks by Dr. Davis on the outlook of Deaconess Work, to meet again in the banquet room where Dr. Davis concluded his address. Rev. Geo. O. Parrish brought a most inspiring address on "Deaconess Ideals." All were much gratified by the kindly and cordial greetings of Bishop Brown. The day's work was ended by a pageant at 7:30 presented by the deaconess entitled "The Call to Service."

The next meeting of the Board will occur on the day previous to Annual Conference at the seat of Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY E. WALTHER, Secretary.

A special meeting was called. at 3 P. M. August 23rd with the President in the chair. Rev. J. A. Martin offered prayer. Miss Ruth E. Robertson presented the matter of raising funds to finance the Board. Upon motion of Miss Ariss it was voted to assess each institution Five Dollars for this purpose. Rev. Muirden presented the situation of the Butte Deaconess Hospital. His report was received and a committee appointed to carry the same with recommendations to the Conference. Rev. Van Valkenburg, Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. Alex Muirden composed the Committee. The content of the resolution was that the hospital be closed after an honorable discharge of its liabilities. Mr. Stapleton of the Lewistown Deaconess Hospital, Board was presented. He reported that eleven lots were now free of debt and that they were ready to proceed with the raising of funds for the building of a hospital. They were given authority to say that when 75% of the cost of the proposed building was in hand in cash, procedure could go forward.

EMILY E. WALTHER, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Schools and Colleges

To establish a more favorable and equitable balance between the material forces of our present civilization, and the moral and spiritual forces essential to safety, we believe that religious education offers a means and a method. For this reason we ask the support of Montana Methodism to the following resolutions.

1. Resolved: That we again voice our unswerving loyalty to Intermountain Union College, pledge Dr. Klemme and faculty our hearty support in their endeavor to maintain Christian Idealism in our state, urge the cooperation of every pastor in the collection of pledges toward endowment, and recognize as one of the most vital needs the erection of a gymnasium at the earliest possible moment.

We recommend that a day be fixed by the administrative officers when the challenging needs of the College shall be presented to every Methodist congregation in the State, and the effort made to enlist money and students for the school. We recommend the appointment of a committee of three (one from each district) to act with a like committee from the Presbyterian Synod, to plan A DEFINITE FORWARD STEP and present same to the Board of Trustees.

2. Resolved: That we weigh carefully the merits of Wesley Foundation work in our state institutions.

We need to provide for the spiritual welfare and care of our students in Missoula, Butte, Bozeman, and Normal schools. The work so well begun in Missoula five years ago, has gone steadily forward under the leadership of Rev. William Young, student pastor, and has resulted in the demand for a department of Religious Education in the University with Rev. Young as head of that Department. This leaves the position of University Pastor open, and as our conference is asked to name a man for this position, we recommend for the consideration of the Cabinet, the name of Jesse W. Bunch who is so well fitted both by training and character to fill this position.

3. Resolved: That we manifest our continued interest in Kimball School of Theology, and pledge our support to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Methodism in the Northwest, for which enterprize we name as commissioners from Montana Dr. C. L. Clifford, and Dr. H. Styles Harriss.

We suggest the name of Dr. Charles M. Donaldson as trustee to fill out the term of Dr. Edward Laird Mills.

4. Resolved: That we continue our efforts to support the Deaconess School and to complete at the earliest moment possible the Van Orsdel Memorial Building.

5. Resolved: That we advocate in lieu of a summer School of Theology, a training conference for all Montana pastors to be held at such time and place as the bishop may determine.

Church Schools

We as a committee believe that the supreme task of the church today is to seriously and vigorously attack the problem of religious education in the local church. In order that this may be accomplished we therefore recommend the following:

(1) The Board of Education must do something this year to give a religious educational director for the state of Montana. This has been urgently asked for year after year and if it is not granted soon our great church in this state will be taking a long stride backward. We recommend the Bishop and cabinet to make this earnest request of the board regarding the urgency of this matter.

(2) We recommend that a Rally Day Program be put on in each charge for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to care for a State

Director of Religious Education who shall promote the work of the Church School and the Epworth League.

(3) We recommend that a real effort be made to cooperate with other religious bodies within the state and organize a state organization of the International Religious Educational Association.

(4) The Daily Vacation Bible School is the opportunity to reach the child and make a great impact upon his life. We recommend that this next year be a real banner year in the conference where every charge in the state will put on at least one of these schools.

(5) The great cry has been the young people of today do not know the evils of the old saloon, therefore let every pastor at the first meeting of his local church school board make definite plans for the year for proper and adequate temperance education.

(6) Week day religious education is a vital matter and the goal toward which we are looking, but let us not in our haste neglect preparing for teachers who have requirements equal to those of the public schools.

The Epworth League

The future of our church, just as the future of every good institution, is vested in our youth. Will the church be in safe hands? The Epworth League Program as developed by the Central Office is designed to give these youth the best possible opportunity of learning the Christian way of life under the best possible conditions.

We believe the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments of the Epworth League offer our youth the best and most appealing experimental program yet devised by our church leaders. Dr. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick holds the high position of trust—that of General Secretary in our League. We are in the hands of a good, a great, and a safe leader. Dr. Cecil Leslie Clifford in nine years of untiring service and devotion has seen the Institute grow in numbers and strength and interest—to more than treble its original size. Vernon E. Lewis as State President merits our best appreciation. He has given many years of glad and sacrificial service to our youth. We here record our pledge of allegiance to the total program of the League. We pledge our churches to keep in constant touch with our Central Office and our State Program; we urge our youth to enter this rewarding field of service with all the enthusiasm and consecration characteristic of youth.

(Signed)
H. S. HARRISS, Chairman,
C. M. DONALDSON, Vice-Chairman,
E. D. KISTLER, Secretary.

Intermountain College

After four years of service as the President of your institution Intermountain Union College, it is both my pleasure and my privilege to give briefly an account of my stewardship of the money paid to me by our friends throughout the state.

Four years ago our bonded indebtedness was $60,000, now it is $52,500. Four years ago our productive endowment was $97,000, now we have $129,471.54. Four years ago we had 57 graduates of the four year college; during the past four years we have added 88 new graduates. The student loan fund has grown from $71.00 to $1609.55. Our current indebtedness has decreased from approximately $70,000 to $1058.22. Four years ago we had not thought of a summer school, now we have had for two years a well-organized, self-supporting summer session. In the past four years we have shifted from the semester plan to the four quarter basis in harmony with the institutions of the state. Four years ago we had five student teachers in our faculty; now all our college teachers are college graduates and practically all heads of departments have their Masters Degrees. Four years ago the book store

was a liability, for the past two years it has been a definite asset, this last year it produced a profit of $178.35. Four years ago we had no plan for a gymnasium, now we have a well developed plan for a brick and cement structure with $2,621.93 of cash on hand and $5,498.86 in pledges.

I have only given a few of the points of advancement in material resources, but I can assure you that we are going forward spiritually just as rapidly. We had last year twelve students planning for the ministry, and a large percentage of the others preparing for service in many fields of Christian Activity.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. KLEMME, President.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Whereas: The need of more effective Evangelism is clearly felt among us, and

Whereas: The results of professional evangelistic meetings often have questionable value

Be It Resolved: That we resolve ourselves into Evangelistic groups as follows:

First: There shall be a Committee of three on each District, one of whom shall be the District Superintendent, of whom the first designated shall be Chairman; said Committee to constitute a Committee on Evangelism for the District.

Second: Each member of the Conference is requested to donate two weeks service to be arranged for by this Committee.

Each pastor who wishes help for Evangelistic Services may apply to this Committee, who will furnish such help from the service donated as is available.

It is understood that more than one helper may be called, and evangelism by groups arranged for.

It is also understood that pastors donating time indicate the date, and that travelling expenses and entertainment will be furnished by the Local Church.

ALEXANDER MUIRDEN, Chairman,
W. M. EWING, Secretary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BILLINGS DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his constant presence with us during the past year that I present this my sixth annual report.

We might begin by reciting some of the difficulties attendant upon the task given to us, but there have been so many joys and victories during the year, we have not wasted time nor energy in considering unpleasant things.

Billings Deaconess Hospital opened for business July 1, 1927—(Fourteen months ago) under the superintendency of Miss Ethel Lane Guilkey, Deaconess. Miss Guilkey has proven herself a very efficient and capable woman and is building up what we all have reason to believe will become a great institution of mercy and healing.

Our Assets

Value of Buildings and grounds	$251,000
Furniture and equipment	52,500
Total assets	$303,500

Our Liabilities

Bonded indebtedness	$ 75,000
For furniture and equipment	10,000
Total indebtedness	$ 85,000
During the conference year there has been collected in cash and donations of material	$ 21,935
Making a total raised during the 6½ years of	$220,435

November 1, 1928 the first bonds in the sum of $2,500.00 will be due and from year to year we hope to be able to meet the bond payments and interest from the profits of the institution. Altho we never want the hospital to be merely a money making enterprise and will endeavor to do as much free work as we possibly can. This year we were able to help a number of unfortunates by giving free work to the amount of $1,271.75. (This free work does not include bad bills.)

During the year, from the profits of the institution, nearly $3,000 were paid for equipment and improvements. This we believe is a record second to none of any of our Church institutions, during their first year of operation.

On August 1st we opened up the entire building and now have room for 60 patients.

Among our visitors during the past year have been many who know institutional work very thoroughly. They have warmly congratulated us upon the completeness of our building and especially upon the equipment and furnishings. Last February we were surprised and highly pleased in receiving notice from W. E. Klosterman of the Midland Chemical Laboratories of Dubuque, Iowa, stating Billings Deaconess Hospital had been selected as one of the 20 most modern and up to date hospitals in the United States.

While all our equipment is the best that can be purchased there still remains many things we should add to it, and we are planning now for large improvements in our X-ray, Cystoscopic, Fluroscopic and Laboratory departments. We also must at the earliest possible moment provide for permanent quarters for the nurses. At the present time some of them are still domiciled on the top floor of the hospital and in addition a residence some distance from the hospital takes care of a dozen others. Thus you can readily see we must do some active work to keep up with the needs as they present themselves. Having a very small part of the state assigned to us in which we may solicit funds, it is truly remarkable how good our citizens have been in helping the cause which they now see is one of the best community interests in the Midland Empire.

Brethren! you will remember in my report two years ago I quoted Dr. Mann of the Deaconess Board who in his address said "It would be a nice thing for the members of this Conference to memorialize a room in this hospital to the memory of the departed Methodist Ministers of Montana." The next day in our Conference session we decided to do so and some of the Brethren pledged sums ranging from $5.00 to $50.00. There has been subscribed to date $532.50, of this amount $375.50 has been paid. One of the best rooms in the building has been assigned and a name plate is to be placed on the door in a few days, suitably inscribed.

We trust those members of the conference who have not subscribed will gladly do so, during this conference session, as the cause is a most worthy one. No like memorial in Montana has been provided for our Veterans.

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation of the kindnesses of all who helped us in this great enterprise. In God's work all the results cannot be tabulated. Our working principle is "In the morn sow

thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES D. CROUCH, Executive Secretary.

BUTTE DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

In bringing to you my report I wish to express on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Butte Deaconess Hospital, a hearty welcome to our Bishop, Wallace E. Brown, and a deep appreciation of his sympathetic brotherly counsel and interest, as already manifested by him in our Butte Hospital problem.

On my arrival in Butte last fall to assume my duties as Executive Secretary of our Hospital, I was given a fine reception by Creditors, some of whom were already threatening proceedings against the Hospital. Immediate action was necessary; but the Board did not think it wise, in the face of many other local causes to promote a Campaign until Spring, but did approve an immediate Credit Note Campaign for Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) which was successfully completed, through which a temporary settlement was made with the Creditors.

The problems that confront us in Butte, are in many ways different from those of any other part of Montana. This is especially true when applied to its Hospitalization. We have here a Deaconess Hospital with a thirty three bed capacity, with an overhead expense for help, sufficient to take care of a Hospital about twice the size. We have also a large floating population living in rooming houses and furnished apartments, many of whom find their way to our Hospital, receive service, pay part of their bill, and disappear. In other Communities in Montana the population is more settled, they own property and are thus able to borrow money at the Banks, and help pay their Hospital bills.

Butte has two other Hospitals, with well organized Medical Staffs practising solely in these Institutions. Neither of these Hospitals, however, are up-to-date, and it is generally conceded by the Medical Profession that Butte should have a better Hospital.

The local Hospital Board in studying conditions has had to face facts and endeavor to answer a few questions, which I shall now endeavor to bring to you.

FIRST: Has the Deaconess Hospital a place in Butte?

We find our Hospital much in favor with the public and the service rendered by our Superintendent and Staff of Nurses, highly commended by Doctors and patients. Let me say here, we can never repay the debt we owe Miss Myrtle E. Childerhose, as she has labored here as Superintendent throughout these trying years, in the face of unsurmountable difficulties, endeavoring to keep the doors of this Institution open. Many another would have left long ago, but she is a Montana product. We feel, however, that we have had more than our proportionate share of Charity Work, because we are a Church Organization. The only complaint that has come to us from the Public and the Medical Profession, is in regard to the location of the Hospital. It being too far out and over rough roads.

SECOND: Can we continue to operate a Hospital without an organized Medical Staff?

We feel that if we are to continue, as a Hospital and meet the requirements of the American College of Surgeons, and thereby, bring our Institution on the same level with the other Hospitals in Butte, we must have an organized Medical Staff, or cooperate with some already existing staff in the City.

THIRD: Shall we enlarge our present Hospital or unite with the Murray Hospital on an open approved Staff basis?

In the fall of last year, after the Indebtedness had been temporarily adjusted, the Executive Secretary endeavored to study the Hospital situation with the objective of enlarging our present building. In the course of this investigation, the way was opened for a few conferences with the Murray Hospital Staff, and the Secretary. Out of these conferences came the proposal for the Butte Deaconess Hospital to purchase the present Murray Hospital, the Staff of which would enter into a contract with the Butte Deaconess Hospital to remain intact as part of the Medical Staff of the new management, for a number of years. This proposal was presented to Bishop Smith, and some members of the Conference Board, but was not approved by them, on account of the financial obligations involved.

The next proposal as worked out by the Board, was an extension of our present building, to give us an up-to-date well equipped Hospital, of sixty beds. This including our Indebtedness would necessitate a Campaign for one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, ($130,000.00). This plan was approved, and the Executive Secretary authorized to communicate with the firm of Will, Folsom and Smith, Hospital Campaign Directors, of New York City, to head the Campaign. This firm did not care to handle a Campaign for less than three hundred thousand dollars, ($300,000.00) and recommended that we promote a Campaign for this amount, and include in the program a Nurses Home, and leave a margin for endowment. This proposal was accepted by our local Board. A representative of this firm, who was formally a member of the Staff of the American College of Surgeons, and thus familiar with Hospital needs, came to Butte, to make a Hospital survey, and meet with the Board. He stayed with us ten days (10) going into every detail, with the result that a new one million dollar ($1,000,000.00) Hospital was proposed for Butte, and that the present Murray Hospital become the Nurses Home. The plan was approved by Bishop Smith and the Cabinet, at the District Meeting held in Great Falls, and the Board entered into a contract with Will, Folsom, and Smith, to head the Campaign beginning about April 1, 1928. At the appointed time, the Representatives of the Campaign firm arrived on the field, and set up Headquarters, but after six weeks stay, working out details from every possible angle, they encountered opposition from certain quarters and were unable to get the required leadership for the Campaign, or the endorsement of the financial interests in Butte, without which the effort was futile. As a result there was only one thing to do, settle as reasonably as possible with the Campaign firm, and dismiss the larger Campaign.

The next proposal was for the Executive Secretary to promote a Campaign for our Indebtedness of approximately fifty two thousand dollars, ($52,000.00). This was no small task in the face of the opposition which we had encountered in the larger movement. The Organization was set up but few workers could be found. Our own Methodist Churches seemed to have all they could do to meet their own obligations, and shouldered little or no responsibility for the Hospital program. This is no reflection on the Pastors of our Butte Churches, who have done all they could under the circumstances. During the few weeks the Campaign has been in progress there has been a total response of $12,141.39, twelve Thousand one hundred forty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents in cash and pledges. Nine thousand five hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty-four cents, ($9,583.64) is conditional on payment of bills, and notes. Two thousand forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents ($2,046.25) has been paid in cash and the balance of five hundred eleven dollars and fifty cents ($511.50) is on pledges payable before September 1, 1928.

FOURTH: During the last month the Board and Friends of the Hospital have been endeavoring to answer this question, "Shall we liquidate our Indebtedness and leave the field to the two Hospitals already established?"

Many of the Friends are very reluctant to help on any Campaign for funds, so long as we have no assurance to give to the Public that there will be no more deficit.

Perhaps a brief statement of the Hospital income and expense of operation will be helpful at this time. For the year August 1, 1927, to August 1, 1928, there has been three hundred and thirty-seven (337) patients treated. One hundred and fifty (150) of which were surgical cases, and one hundred and thirty one (131) Medical cases, and fifty-six Births (56). For this period the total amount of work completed and billed amounted to twenty-one thousand five hundred seventeen dollars and forty cents ($21,517.40). Of this amount five thousand eight hundred seventy-seven dollars and forty-five cents ($5,877.45), was placed in Accounts Receivable, leaving a net cash income of fifteen thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars, ninty-five cents ($15,639.95). On August 1, 1928, the total Accounts Receivable amounted to eleven thousand three hundred fifty four dollars and seventy-three cents ($11,354.73). On November 1, 1927, the Board assumed all the Hospital bills payable at that time and transferred these into the Indebtedness, less the amount taken up by Credit Notes, thus giving the interior Management a clean slate. Since November 1, there has accumulated in Accounts Payable four thousand nine hundred eighty-eight dollars and nineteen cents ($4,988.19). This is over a period of nine months, and these the best Hospital months of the year. You will readily see from this statement that if each patient were to pay their bill in full, before leaving the Hospital, we would still be approximately five hundred dollars ($500.00) short annually of paying expenses. Direct Charity work amounts to approximately five hundred dollars ($500.00) but a large amount billed under "Accounts Receivable" should be listed Charity Work.

Included in the fifty-two thousand dollars, ($52,000.00) total Indebtedness, is thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) of original building debt, the balance is the accumulated deficit over a period of years. If we deduct conditional pledges, subject to the payment of the bills and notes, our net Indebtedness at the present time is forty-two thousand, four hundred fifty-seven dollars thirty-five cents. ($42,457.35). Twenty eight thousand dollars ($28,000.00) of which is secured Indebtedness; bearing eight percent (8%) Interest; leaving a balance due on Credit Notes, six thousand six hundred fifty dollars ($6,650.00) and Merchants Bills, seven thousand eight hundred seven dollars thirty-five cents ($7,807.35) a total of fourteen thousand four hundred fifty-seven dollars, and thirty-five cents ($14,457.35). This is our immediate need.

At a Meeting of the Board and Hospital Friends held on Monday evening, August 20, 1928, a Resolution was passed to be presented to this Conference and is attached to this report.

I feel, Bishop and Brethren, that during the past year the Butte Hospital situation has been investigated from every possible angle, and respectfully submit to you my report, and leave it to this Conference to decide the future of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER MUIRDEN, Executive Secretary.

Resolution

RESOLUTIONS, framed unanimously at a Meeting of the Members of the Board of the Butte Deaconess Hospital, and Friends invited to the Meeting, held at the Y. M. C. A. August 20, 1928, at 8 o'clock, Butte, Montana.

WHEREAS: It has been reported to this meeting that the Butte Deaconess Hospital is operating at a loss of approximately $6,000.00, annually, and

WHEREAS: It is the sense of this Body that the Institution must close unless a substantial amount of funds is forth coming in the near future.

BE IT RESOLVED: At this meeting of the Board of the Butte Deaconess Hospital, and its Friends; held August 20, 1928, that we recommend to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at Lewistown, this month, that the Conference take the affairs of the Hospital into consideration and unless the Conference can provide ways and means to continue the Institution, that the Methodist Episcopal Conference take steps to meet the indebtedness and close the Institution.

L. E. JONES, Secretary.
Board of the Butte Deaconess Hospital.
August 20, 1928. Butte, Montana.

BOZEMAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL, Bozeman, Montana

Robt. C. Edgington, General Superintendent

In making my reports, I shall attempt to be clear in my statements and carefully distinguish between actual cash received and pledges which may never be paid. I doubt the wisdom of reporting pledges at all. Often money is reported two or three times—when the pledge is taken, when it is past due, and when the cash is gotten, if at all. Pledges will not pay indebtedness. Often a pledge is gotten the first visit and it requires two or three visits to collect. One important discovery is, that the man taking the pledge can often collect it easily while no one else can. This accounts for the extremely small amount a new man is able to raise on old pledges.

Two things should always be borne in mind by those soliciting funds for an institution: First, someone else may have to collect the pledge and we may want another from the same man; Second, as solicitors, we are advertising agents for the institution and should carefully state facts and so cultivate folks that they will be proud of the institution and gladly sacrifice for it.

At Bozeman $50,000.00 in bonds fall due September, 1929, and it was deemed expedient to begin making preparations to meet this.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes gave us splendid help and leadership in the person of Dr. Russell.

At both Bozeman and Havre, our own brethren and some ministers of other churches gave valuable service. The ladies did yeoman service both places.

Contrary to prevailing notions, Bozeman is a very difficult hospital field. The field is comparatively small. Three hospitals at Livingston, twenty-five miles away, a large Railroad hospital at Three Forks, open to all; and Helena and Butte within easy reach. Comparatively, it is a wealthy territory—which means nice homes where their sick may be cared for. There is considerable unrest among the farmers. The territory is not strongly Methodist and wealth very often spells Osteopathy and Christian Science. I am not discounting these but they certainly do not build Deaconess Hospitals.

All these things notwithstanding, the hospital holds a very high place in the community and by able, careful management is able to meet all running expense and upkeep and turn over something each year to the building fund.

At Bozeman, we gathered in $15,462.00 in cash and have unpaid pledges amounting to $22,640.00.

The task for next year is to raise not less than $20,000.00 cash, continue to take pledges and find a large number of folks who will give small amounts annually; and set up ladies organizations, presumably American White Cross, for the purpose of caring for the annual interest.

The Hospital Superintendent, Miss Edith J. Ackerman, reports from July, 1927 to July 1928:

Number of patients treated	870
Amount of service rendered	$37,712.60
Free service	1,779.99
Total receipts for the year	35,630.00
Total expenditures	35,917.30
Building fund	405.00
Furniture, fixtures	1,064.00
Taxes and Insurance	385.10
Repairs and Painting	1,988.25
Balance on hand	16.69

REPORT OF FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL

The Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital at Glasgow, though one of the small institutions of Methodism has closed a successful year, if the number of patients admitted, and the payment of accounts means success. Through the year 617 were admitted, 202 of which were operative cases and 83 newborn. Receipts totaled $19,465.70; expenditures $18,468.17; leaving a bank balance of $997.53, or more than $950 more than that of the first of August, 1927. The daily average of patients was 16; daily cost per patient $3.16 without accounting for depreciation of the building.

Repairs said to be worth easily $1000.00 have been made at a cost of about half that amount through the efforts of the superintendent, the man of all work, the president of the local Board, and a friendly painter who owed some, and donated considerable labor above that amount. These improvements consisted of plastering, painting, enamelling the hall walls to insure their being washable for a few years, rebuilding the pole fence around the yard, and repainting and renovating the outbuildings. A coal stoker is being installed.

Last year the Conference granted us the privilege of campaigning for $3000.00 to purchase an X-Ray and improve our plant. This permission has not been used. In a very quiet manner the president of the local Board, Mr. Elmer Johnson went among the local business men and raised $865 to help purchase the portable X-Ray. This will in no way interefer with a future campaign.

Four students are in training, one of whom is now in her second years work, two will be the first of September, the other the first of the year. There are two graduate nurses besides the superintendent, Miss Norah E. Feland, assisting in the work of the hospital and the Training School.

The amount of Free Work reported this year is not so great as it has sometimes been, but extensive credit has been given to some needy folks, which may need to be forgiven if conditions do not change for them.

We are always glad to have the Conference members or their families drop in when going thru Glasgow at mealtime or otherwise and greatly appreciate the friendly interest shown through the past year. Backed by that interest and your prayers we shall carry on in our effort to truly minister in the name and Spirit of the Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLE M. SHRADER, Secretary.

KENNEDY DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Robt. C. Edgington, General Superintendent

When I landed in Havre, I was a stranger in a strange land. I had never visited that fine little city or the vast stretch of country around about.

Among other worthwhile things, I found a fine, going hospital and a splendid working Board. I should like to register my appreciation to the fine, sacrificial work of those who labored through the years before my arrival and, likewise, to Dr. Parish, who like those Pastors who had preceded him, worked in season, out of season, uncomplaining in all sorts of weather to carry on the financing of the Hospital, also to Rev. Bickle, who was always willing to help to the limit.

I discovered the Hospital was already in the thinking of the country people, who, for the most part, live in small homes and so far from a doctor that the expense of having a doctor is tremendous. But the hospital was not sold in the town. I also discovered that their campaigns had been so many and close together that a large campaign was impossible—I now know it would have been very unwise.

I was very early due for a surprise. I had learned that eighty-five people had signed $200 notes so that the hospital furniture could be paid for. I went to Havre expecting to find eighty-five people ready to get in and help raise money to pay these notes and the interest and bonds due. Instead of this, these notes have been our most embarrassing problem. They bear 10% interest. When they came due, some refused to renew and a considerable number would not pay the interest. The contract each signer held made it necessary for the Board to keep faith. This was to bridge an emergency, and there was probably no other way, but its a mighty poor way to finance.

At Havre, we have given much attention to cultivation. Outstanding facts, we have repeated dozens of times in public address and through the local press, whose columns are always open to us without stint. No more helpful organ have I ever found to further a great cause than "The Havre Daily News Promoter."

In January, we set up the American White Cross, making it a social proposition coupled with helpfulness. Miss Kathline Broadwater was elected Havre President and gave unstintingly of her time and energy. Ninety-two White Cross Articles appeared in the society columns of the daily press, each one in some way mentioning the Hospital. Besides this valuable advertising, they raised $967.00 in membership dues. The plan is to organize auxiliary links in all the surrounding towns. We gathered in $10,490 in cash. To this amount, the Hospital added $1875.00. With this total amount the Hospital paid all interest on notes, $3,000 of Bonds, Insurance for three years, rent on nurses home for one year, expenses and salary, amounting to $2240, and some few old bills.

To put Havre safely over will require $10,000 a year for eight years. With a careful working program and reasonable conditions, this can easily be done and somewhere along the line—when the need will justify—complete the unfinished third floor and furnish it.

To give the total amount of pledges on our books would hardly show a fair statement. It would look large, for many of these are eight year pledges—so much a year for eight years, or until the building debt is paid. Cultivation will be necessary to keep these alive, but it is fair to say that approximately $6,000 of next year's needs is provided for. After next year, Havre should not need a field man more than three or four months each year, but the work will need to be carefully supervised. Havre is a great hospital field.

The Superintendent of the Hospital, Miss Ruth E. Robertson, reports the following:

Sept. 1, 1927, to Aug. 18, 1928.

Number of Patients treated	1010
Service rendered	$44,390.00
Free service	2,020.37
Receipts for the year	37,631.81
Expenditures	36,160.64

Building fund	1,875.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,049.81
Improvements	2,801.58
Balance on hand	4,750.72

REPORT OF THE MONTANA DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Bishop Brown and Brethren:

We are happy to report the following of this, the Mother Deaconess Institution in Montana. Under the continued superintendency of Miss E. Augusta Ariss and her co-workers, the Hospital continues to go forward.

Last year we admitted 3,865 patients representing 33,285 days of service. The receipts for the year was $152,609.65; the cost amounted to $131,736.88; the per diem cost was $3.96; free work amount to $6,794.18. During the year there were 327 births while the death rate was a trifle less than 1%, only 63 deaths. The average death rate in hospitals is 5%.

We have the largest Training School for Nurses in the State under the able leadership of Miss Gertrude Buckles. There are sixty students in training with fourteen graduate nurses. During the summer we sent one of our supervisors to Columbia University to take advanced work.

Our endowment fund has $9,905.90 at the present time. At last the long looked for paving around the hospital is a happy realization. The Spenser Estate, estimated between $300,000 and $400,000 has been settled by the court in favor of the Hospital; thanks to Bishop H. Lester Smith, Dr. N. T. Davis and others, who represented the church in its wonderful organization. During the year we have purchased the last piece of corner property on the half block on which the hospital is located. The Spencer Estate trustees have also purchased the house and lot to the west of the Nurses's Home, thus giving to us a full block of land in the center of the city. Plans are now being prepared by the architect for our first new unit giving us fifty added rooms for patients besides new office space, operating rooms, etc. Later on another unit will be added and a new duplicate unit of the Nurses' Home, built.

The Montana Deaconess Hospital, we feel, is doing a great, good work. Our embarrassment has been that we have been compelled to turn patients away; sometimes as high as four a day. Every available space is being utilized. But by this time next year we hope to have our new building ready for occupancy.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. A. MARTIN.

MONTANA DEACONESS SCHOOL

Helena, Montana, August 18, 1928.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We give thanks to Almighty God for the opportunity of bringing another report to an Annual Conference. This is the fifteenth annual report of the Field Superintendent of the Montana Deaconess School and the third annual report for the Field Secretary.

While Miss Roxana Beck, the principal, and her staff of workers have been busy during the year with a school filled with little children, the field workers have been no less busy travelling over this great state in the interests of the institution.

In addition to preaching, speaking at public gatherings, etc. the sum of $21,067 in cash has been raised, and applied to debt, current expenses and new work. Our heating plant has been fully paid for during the year and we have money enough on hand with a ten thousand dollar loan made to us recently bearing interest at 6% to start work and com-

plete the two first floors of the "Brother Van Memorial." Plans are about ready and the board expects to advertise for bids within a few days. We hope to be able to occupy the new building by Thanksgiving.

Some three months ago the Board of Trustees decided to put on a campaign in Helena for ten thousand dollars to finish the third floor for the Brother Van Memorial, the campaign to begin on July 15th with the Field Superintendent in charge. Plans were made. Dr. Edgar C. Tullar of Brooklyn, New York, Rev. Charles Rhodes of Fromberg, and Rev. Frederick Spencer of Butte, Montana, with the Field Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Cunningham were all in Helena and ready with others to start the work on that morning.

The first discouragement we had was a telegram stating that the wife of Dr. Tullar had passed to her heavenly home. The second blow was the destructive fire that swept the business section of our city on the morning that the drive was to begin. People of Helena at that time were in no frame of mind to give money for any cause. Much money had been spent for advertising. We were undecided as to the proper course to pursue. The task seemed hopeless. We took it to the Lord. We went to prayer. The following morning we made the announcement that those folks who sustained loss by the fire would not be solicited, but the campaign must go on, and Helena must win. And we have won. $9,000 was subscribed and we are sure of the last thousand dollars in the near future. It was a great victory, considering what we had against us. All our subscriptions are made payable on or before Christmas of this year.

Therefore, sometime this year we expect to occupy two floors of the new building and to begin planning for the completion of the two upper floors next year. It would be splendid if someone would make a gift of $10,000 for the completion of the top floor. The time will come when the completion of the new building will be a realization and practically without any indebtedness. Dear Brother Van who gave his life for Montana Methodism and his Savior will be remembered in our state by this memorial, the greatest monument yet erected in this state to any person. Many great men of our treasure state have passed beyond, some of them have achieved great things, but none did a more lasting work than Brother Van, and the people have been pleased to build this enduring monument to his memory.

No provision has yet been made for the furnishing of this memorial. $10,000 is needed to furnish it as it should be. How can it be done? It ought to be done and the Montana Methodist Conference can tell how to do it.

With praise to our Heavenly Father for His blessings this year, we submit this report.

JOHN CHIRGWIN, Field Superintendent.
CHAS. E. CUNNINGHAM, Field Secretary.

REPORT OF INDIAN WORK

We express our appreciation of the continued support given to us by the Board of Home Missions and church extension. We also thank the churches and the people of Montana State Conference who have shown an interest in our work.

The results of the past year's work will not make a big showing in figures. Figures do not tell the story of needs met nor work done. But to bring before you some definite results we can report that steady progress has marked the trail. Twelve children have been received into full membership, eight children baptized. A Junior League continued, 7 Sunday Schools carried on, and an Intermediate Epworth League organized.

Looking Ahead

After 2½ years of work among the Blackfeet Indians we are convinced that a different approach should be made to help solve the

problems these folks face. It seems necessary to build an additional room to the church or to rent a building to be used for social and recreational purposes. Such organizations as Scouting for boys and Moentita for girls offer contacts on a community wide basis.

It is our opinion that more than average church work needs to be done. To reach and train all unchurched people is a worthy aim and it should be attained more quickly than our present equipment permits.

We also believe there should be only one protestant church in the community. Now the forces are divided; they should be united.

There should be a united spirit for community good and church consciousness. This problem is not a local one but it can be solved by an equitable exchange with the Presbyterian Church in some other field.

During the year we were more than ever filled with a desire to know these folks and to understand their needs. We appreciate their hardships and struggles. We know they are worthy and by the help of the Holy Spirit we are trying to bring to pass the words of the prophet Ezekial, "They shall be my people and I will be their God."

A. C. WILCOX,
DICK SANDERVILLE,
A. W. HAMMER,
CHIEF TWO-GUNS WHITE-CALF.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

While we regret the falling off of the contributions to our World Service for the current year, thus rendering impossible any large forward movement either at home or abroad, yet we are thankful as always for the very generous treatment of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in the appropriations for our needy fields.

We also pledge ourselves to make the very best endeavor toward making these contributions accomplish just as much as possible for the kingdom, and to make an extraordinary effort this year to meet our World Service apportionments.

We appreciate greatly the action by which we are to have a field man again on the frontier to aid us in co-ordinating our work and solving our problems.

We would most respectfully call attention to our pressing needs for both maintenance and building programs. While technically the Frontier may be passing, yet the problems that came upon the church in Montana forty and fifty years ago remain largely unsolved. We are working alongside our sister denominations and daily feel our handicap in comparison. We would avoid invidious comparisons, but here are some of the facts: the Presbyterians have five full time Sunday school missionaries beside their regular synodical officers. The Congregationalists have three field men for a constituency of less than one third that of our own church. In addition they have had ten community workers, who have spent the summer months here in organizing and conducting daily vacational church schools. This not only enables them to reach out into new fields, but also revive fields that had been temporarily abandoned. We, therefore, most respectfully call upon our Boards to adopt and carry out a more systematic and adequate program of study of our field with reference to both equipment and maintenance that will enable us to do our share in Christianizing this great empire state of the northwest.

We desire to record our appreciation of the visits during the past year of Drs. Dawber and Burns from our Board. They were both sympathetic, and helpful in all ways. We shall be delighted to have them, and others, come again.

CHARLES LINCOLN BOVARD, Chairman.
R. J. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF MINISTERS' RESERVE PENSION FUND

Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church
By John A. Meeke, Executive Secretary

Mr. President, Members of the Annual Conference and Friends:

We present this, our second report with a feeling of gratitude to God, our Heavenly father, for his protecting and guiding care throughout the year, and with a keen sense of appreciation of the splendid cooperation and fine fellowship of the members of this conference and many of the laymen of our churches.

We began the year with a carefully planned publicity program which has been carried on right into this conference. The chief item in our publicity campaign was the special number of the Area Messenger. We edited eight pages which were dedicated to "The Makers of Montana Methodism." Through the courtesy of the editor and the Area office we were able to put out about (5000) five thousand copies at actual cost with little or no cost for mailing. It is estimated that about (15,000) fifteen thousand people read this issue of the Messenger. It certainly proved to be a wonderfully effective advertising medium.

We tried to stay on the job, soliciting, all the time but we were driven off time and again because of the severity of the weather. Old-timers declare that last winter was the coldest in thirty years. We had our first experience of freezing during the December cold spell when a number were severely frozen and a number died as a result of that storm.

We spent two days last winter at Spokane the headquarters of the Columbia River conference campaign. There we met Drs. Jeffers and Powell our two national field representatives. We went there for the purpose of studying campaign methods and while there were the recipient of many courtesies from the Executive Secretary of that conference and from the Methodist ministers of the city of Spokane.

Drs. Powell and Jeffers put on instruction classes for our benefit and we learned many things that, afterwards, proved very helpful.

Our Annual conference at its last session limited our activities to those zones in which there were no hospital enterprises; which meant that we could not put on a sweeping state wide campaign. This plan made it impossible to create a maximum of enthusiasm. However, the interest and enthusiasm in this the first of all good causes of our great church have kept on growing to such an extent that both pastors and people are now ready to put this campaign for $150,000.00 for the benefit of our conference claimants over in a big way. It is our opinion that the success of the campaign depends upon its completion this year and we fully expect the conference to give us the right of way.

The month of May was extremely hot and people were fearful of a crop failure making it impossible to get many first payments at date or subscription. Conditions changed for the better and Montana is now assured of a good and abundant harvest this fall.

We have sincerely endeavored to make our work constructive and have tried to be a source or inspiration both to the Pastors and the people. We have sought at all times to give whatever help we could to local undertakings and to the statewide enterprises of the church.

The report of A. C. Routzahn, treasurer of the conference commission, is the official financial report and will be read later. We wish merely to state that we have received up to date as a result of our work this year approximately $25,000.00 in pledges and money. We sent $4,000.00 to the Chicago office during the year for investment and we have a balance on hand of $772.39 all bills being paid. The Pension Progress issued July 1928, allowing for depreciation in pledges, credits our conference with assets totalling $27,486.00 which, if we added this years pledges and money would give us a total in round numbers of $50,000.00.

This report would not be complete without an expression of our appreciation of our General Board of Pensions and Relief at Chicago for their splendid co-operation. Dr. Hingeley the retiring Corresponding Secretary was always mindful of our needs in Montana and Dr. Farmer, his able successor is carrying on the good work. We are especially indebted to Dr. Oaten the business representative who remembers us with a substantial check twice a month. We are delighted to make two new friends from the same office, Dr. Powell who attended the last session of our Annual conference and who will be in the state to help us October the first and Dr. William M. Jeffers of Los Angeles, California who is now in attendance upon our conference at this time. We conclude this report with a prayer that the blessing of God, that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow may be the portion of all the splendid men and women of Montana whose contributions are making possible a comfortable support to the pioneers of the Gospel who gave themselves without reserve to the building up of the moral and spiritual values of our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MEEKE.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Balance on hand from last year	$ 539.00

Receipts

For Annuity Distribution

Book Concern Dividend	609.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	50.00
Part of Support Paid by the Churches	10,568.00
Income from Conference Investments	902.00

For Necessitous Distribution

Board of Pensions and Relief Dividend	900.00
Part of Support Paid by the Churches	427.00
Total	$13,995.00

Disbursements

On Annuity Basis

To Preachers	$ 5,372.00
To Widows	3,621.00
To Children	238.00

On Basis of Necessity

To Preachers	584.00
To Widows	672.00
To Children	72.00
Balance in Hand	3,000.00
Total	$13,559.00

Productive

(a)	Cash on hand	$ 3,000.00
(b)	Interest bearing Securities	14,738.00
(c)	Real Estate	2,492.00
(e)	Total Productive Assets	20,230.00
(f)	Total net earnings this year	902.00
(g)	Average rate earned 5%.	

Non-Productive

(d)	Pledges unpaid and valued at 75% of face	$25,000.00

APPORTIONMENT NEXT YEAR

(a)	Total number of years 548 multiplied by $18; Annuity Claims	$ 9,864.00
(b)	Total deductible Income, not including receipts from charges	2,210.00
(c)	Amount required by Discipline to meet Annuity Claims in full	13,700.00
(d)	Amount recommended by Stewards for necessitous cases	1,400.00
(e)	Amount fixed by Conference action this year for necessitous cases	1,400.00
(f)	Total to be apportioned by the Board of Stewards; items (c) and (e)	15,100.00

DISTRIBUTION TO RETIRED MINISTERS

No.	NAME AND ADDRESS	Years	Annuity	Special Aid	Total
1.	Bovard, C. L., Helena, Montana	42	714	6	720
2.	Calvert, W. H., Ingomar, Montana	32	544	56	600
3.	Davis, C. S., Mapleton, Oregon	39	663		663
4.	Hosking, John, Deer Lodge, Montana	23	391	109	500
5.	King, George D., Whitehall, Montana	23	391	109	500
6.	Little, J. H., Cascade, Montana	26	442	278	720
7.	Morrison, A. P., 1107 W. 47th St., Los Angeles, California	44	748		748
8.	Nutting, Wilder, Lake Grove, Oregon	22	374	26	400
9.	Oliver, S. A., Boise, Idaho	32	544		544
10.	White, O. A., Rollins, Mont.	33	561		561
		346	5372	584	5956

DISTRIBUTION TO WIDOWS

No.	NAME AND ADDRESS	Years on three fourths basis	Annuity	Special Aid	Total
1.	Hall, Mrs. Ida, 2523 Webster St., Berkeley California	7	119	100	219
2.	James, Mrs. H. A., Livingston, Mont.	11	187	63	250
3.	Lowry, Mrs. Cordelia, 8832 Georgia Ave., Detroit, Michigan	11	187	63	250
4.	McColm, Mrs. D. C., 4128, S. E. 6A St., Portland, Oregon	17	289		289
5.	Mickel, Mrs. L. H., 222 E. Palm, Monrovia, California	12	204		204
6.	Miller, Mrs. Isa. B.	6	102	on mem.	102
7.	Mills, Mrs. Jennie M., Helena, Mont.	23	391		391
8.	Rodgers, Mrs. Allan, 718 9 Ave., Great Falls, Montana	10	170	300	470
9.	Tait, Mrs. Marie B., 2718 Floral Boulevard, Butte, Mont.	21	357	43	400
10.	Ware, Mrs. Clara, 720 So. Main, Butte, Mont.	26	442	58	500

11.	Whiteley, Mrs. Elizabeth , 2008 Francis, Jackson, Michigan	6	102	on mem.	102
12.	Wolfe, Mrs. Josephine R., 2531 LaCresenta, Alhambra, California	33	561		561
13.	Temple, Mrs. F.	3	51		51
14.	Pascoe, Mrs. W. H., 630 W. 82 St., Seattle, Washington	15	255	45	300
15.	Mrs. Needham	12	204		204
		216	3621	672	4293

DISTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN

No.	Name of Mother	Name of Child	Age of child last birthday	Father's effective years	Years on one fourth basis	Annuity	Special Aid	Total
1.	Mrs. M. H. Needham, Gt. Falls, Needham		4	16	4	68	52	120
2.	Mrs. F. Temple, Livingston, Temple		7	....	....	119	....	119
3.	Mrs. E Whiteley, Jackson, Michigan		3	....	....	51	20	71
			14	—	—	238	72	310

RECOMMENDATIONS

I.

We heartily concur in the resolution passed in open Conference that the sum of 10% of the pastor's cash salary be apportioned to the charges as annuity and necessitous.

II.

That such money as we have on hand or investment and those amounts coming into the permanent fund from bequests and assessments on charges be placed in the hands of the General Board of Pensions and Relief for investment for the benefit of the Montana State Conference.

III.

We suggest that the names and amounts of all donors of $300.00 or more given as a memorial fund be printed in the minutes and that a memorial page be set aside in the minutes for that purpose.

IV.

That the annuity and necessitous distribution be allowed and paid quarterly by the Board of Stewards.

V.

We recommend that upon notice of the death of a conference claimant the treasurer pay the dependents the sum of $100.00.

In Memoriam

Mrs. A. D. Raleigh	$ 500.00
Mrs. Stella Chuman	500.00
Mrs. Lucinda Taylor	300.00
Caswell Estate Fund	1800.00
Rev. Jacob Mills, D. D., born 1842, died, 1925. Methodist minister in Montana, 1882-1925. Presented by Mrs. Jacob Mills, February 23, 1928	1000.00
Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth and Robert Whiteley In loving memory of their husband and father the late Rev. John M. Whiteley a Methodist Minister in Montana who died 1919	300.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO
MINISTERS' RESERVE PENSION FUND
MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE MINUTE FUND

For the year 1927 to 1928

Balance on hand from previous year	$308.55
Received from Conference (1927)	621.25
Received from Advertising	33.00
Received Sale of Bound Copies	12.50
	$975.30

Disbursements

To State Publishing Co., Publishing Minutes	$362.50
To State Publishing Co., Binding, Cuts, etc.	30.24
To Treas. Conference Board of Trustees	100.00
To C. E. Smith, Express on Conference Trunk	5.00
To Fred Whitford, Expense—Conference Treasurer	12.00
To J. W. Kuller, Expense, Stamps, etc.	2.35
	$512.09
Balance on hand to date	$463.21

(1) That we recommend that the Publishing Company giving lowest bid be employed to publish the minutes for the present year.

(2) For annual conference expenses to be used in payment for annual conference minutes, we recommend that ¼ of one per cent of the cash salary paid to pastor, or to pastors, not including missionary money or house rent, be apportioned to every pastoral charge by the District Superintendent at the First Quarterly Conference, and that each pastor become responsible for this apportionment and raise it on his charge. District Superintendents and men in special appointment be assessed $2.50 each.

(3) That the amounts for this fund be paid directly to the Treasurer of the Conference Minute Fund.

(4) That if there be a surplus, after paying for the conference minutes, it shall be put into a minute fund to be disposed of by vote of the annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. KULLER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ever mindful of the presence of Almighty God with us during the past year do offer herein the following resolutions:

1. We are grateful for the presence with us of our resident bishop, Wallace E. Brown. We bid him hearty welcome to the great tasks and the Christian fellowship of the great Northwest. His presence with us has already brought us a great inspiration and renewed our zest for the conquest for Christ in Montana.

2. We are indebted to the untiring efforts and the wise leadership of the conference cabinet, together with the efficient leadership of the secretary, statistician, treasurer and the staff of workers which assisted them.

3. We have enjoyed the broader visions which have been brought to us through conference visitors representing the broader interests of the church: Dr. E. Guy Cutshall, of Iliff School of Theology; Dr. William M. Jeffers, of the Board of Pension and Relief; Dr. J. D. McCormick, Kimball School of Theology; Dr. J. H. Race of the Methodist Book Concern; Dr. N. E. Davis of the Deaconess Board; Edward Laird Mills of the Pa-

cific Christian Advocate; Dr. E. J. Klemme, Intermountain Union College; Dr. Ezra M. Cox, of the Board of Home Missions and Rev. W. L. Wade of the Anti-Saloon League.

4. We have appreciated the friendly greetings from the representatives of other churches. We feel that the efforts in church comity are having far reaching results.

5. The emphasis given the work of the General Deaconess Board and the active participation of the Deaconesses in the work of the conference meets our heartiest approval.

6. We welcome the increasing interest and the participation of the laymen in the annual conference. Their presence has enabled both the ministers and laymen to understand better their common tasks and will mean greater accomplishments in our Master's kingdom .

7. The gracious hospitality which has been extended by the pastor of the church, Rev. Louis L. Ortmayer, by the members of this church, by the citizens of Lewistown. We would express to the churches of Lewistown for their kindly greetings and the use of their churches for various sessions of the conference. The flowers presented by the local flower shops and other persons has yielded fragrance and added beauty to each session of our conference. The splendid welcome given to us by the city, the hotels, the restaurants, the homes, and the schools has revealed the true spirit of this splendid city. We are indebted to the Lewistown Democrat-News for adequate publicity given the conference, and other courtesies of this paper. The music both by local talent and visiting persons has been appreciated.

8. We go to our assigned fields conscious of the largeness of the challenge but with a determination to accomplish much for the Church of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted ,
MARTIN E. VAN DE MARK.

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

The Committee on Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals presents its report to the conference in three sections, first dealing with prohibition in the national election of this year, second pertaining to the Montana situation and Initiative Measure No. 32, and third in appreciation of worthy workers for the cause.

1. We believe the most important social matter now before the American people is prohibition in the national election campaign. National prohibition is threatened by a political conspiracy. After several years of skillful propaganda indirectly and directly for the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment, those who never raise a voice, legislated a law nor voted to curb or banish the saloon now declare themselves best qualified to solve the age old liquor problem, have captured the machinery of a political party and nominated a man for president whose published legislative record reveals him as one who never voted to hasten the day of liquor's banishment, and who while declaring he will enforce prohibition, assumes it is unenforceable and must be changed, first by what constitutes nullification and second by advocating repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and substitution for the amendment a system of liquor dispensary which would place liquor in control of government, which is a discredited plan.

They having made this a political issue, now tell the church to be silent lest it become political. We say to such critics of the church that when politics and government involve such a moral issue then the church must participate, by taking sides with the morally right. We characterize ourselves as "non-partisan but dry," and consider ourselves forced into action against a man whom we consider the enemy of the best social order, who by his past practice and present statements would undo that which we feel has been great progress in better living. We there-

fore reject the principles and program embodied in Mr. Alfred Smith as a presidential candidate and endorse Mr. Hoover as a candidate whom we believe represents that which will seek to sustain and lift our present standard and national ideal regarding prohibition.

2. Today Montana stands before the sisterhood of states which forms this great American Republic in a humiliating position as the only one of the forty-eight to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment by vote of the citizenship. As a result of that action Montana law enforcement officials though compelled to take an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States are stripped of all power to keep that oath so far as the Eighteenth Amendment is concerned. Furthermore, as a result of that action violation of the Eighteenth Amendment is taking place in all parts of our state as never before during the history of that article, so much so that a national student recently visiting and speaking in Montana declares it at present the wettest state in the union, with our lack of state prohibition laws as the great cause, and not prohibition as is often blamed.

We therefore heartily and earnestly endorse the movement to restore Montana prohibition laws and Montana support of the constitution, which has tangible form in Initiative Measure No. 32, upon which Montana voters will vote this fall, and pledge our prayers and efforts for its passage. To assist in this victory we urge upon our people a wholehearted support of the leaders in the campaign, and that every one qualified register and vote. We urge upon every Methodist minister and congregation in Montana the immediate setting up of a prohibition program which will contain the following essential elements. 1. Full cooperation with state and county leaders in this movement. 2. Encouragement to every voter to exercise his right of franchise by registering and voting. 3. An adequate educational program consisting of, sermons and addresses from every pulpit, and statements by pastor or laymen during every service from now until election, instruction of the youth in the Sunday Schools and young people's societies, distribution of literature, and answering of wet propaganda and argument wherever and whenever heard. When open slander of true conditions and open advocacy of nullification by law and practice is heard and done, then it is time when silence on our part is no longer a virtue, and we must speak and act.

3. We desire to give our customary hearty acknowledgment of the efforts of our colleagues and friends who as churches, institutions and individuals have done splendid service in this cause. Among them we specifically name the general M. E. Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, with its fine leader Clarence True Wilson, whose absence from this conference because of illness we deeply regret; the splendid women of our homes and churches in the W. C. T. U.; the Anti-Saloon League, with its Montana department under Supt. Wm. L. Wade, and his able recent assistants, our brothers H. Van Valkenburgh and E. E. Collins. We also appreciate the action of the Montana Republican Committee in endorsing Initiative Measure No. 32, as an action in keeping with the party's national platform and chief candidate.

We are for a pure, wholesome, opportunous life for all our people, and willing to work side by side with all who work to that end.

We recommend the election of Dr. C. L. Bovard, Dr. C. L. Clifford, Jesse Bunch, W. B. Spaulding, Henry Van Valkenburgh and Hon. E. E. Collins as the Methodist members of the Board of Trustees of the Montana Anti-Saloon League.

The Committee,
H. VAN VALKENBURGH, Chairman,
H. J. FRAME, Secretary.

REPORT OF MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

We commend to all the pastors and churches the projected program of the Epworth League. That program emphasizes this year three important social issues, christian companionships, temperance and prohibition, and World Peace.

We suggest that all our pastors take advantage of Labor Sunday as an opportunity to preach a suitable sermon on the dignity and sacredness of labor and thus emphasize our loyalty to Jesus Christ the Carpenter of Nazareth.

We urge all our preachers and people to actively and aggressively support the effort being made by the greatest of all industries, agriculture, for rehabilitation. For several years this great and essential section of our modern economic life has been in distress and all efforts to secure the same kind of recognition accorded to banking, and transportation, and manufacturing; have been thwarted and defeated. Investigations and conferences have been substituted for necessary action. The great Methodist Church goes on record as standing with the great industry of agriculture in the demand for economic justice.

We seriously regret that in a period of boasted prosperity the coal industry and the textile industry are depressed by strikes. Women and children are cold and hungry, homes are desolated, and communities are desolated, impoverished. Now a great strike is threatened on all western railroads; threatening the peace and the prosperity of the whole country. Boasted prosperity that is so unevenly distributed as to cause continual strife and conflict is a menace rather than a blessing. There is something fundamentally wrong with an economic system and a social order that produces poverty and suffering on one hand and swollen fortunes on the other hand. In connection with these strikes we join with the methodist ministers of Chicago in condemning local governments in the unfair use of the injunction and the suppression of free speech and free assembly in seeking to defeat the workmen.

We rejoice that all efforts to force our last General Conference to abandon our strong position against war failed and that General Conference pushed on to a still more advanced position. Especially do we commend the establishing of a secretaryship with an office to direct the interests of the cause of world peace in our church. We commend the declaration of the General Conference that "War has become the supreme enemy of mankind" and "that as a christian body we renounce war as an instrument of national policv." and that "the agencies of the church shall not be used in preparation for war. They shall be used in preparation for peace." We commend the courageous statement of Rev. Guy Cutshell recently uttered in this church that he hoped the baptismal fonts of the christian churches will never again be used to baptize any war.

The Church will have to hurry to keep ahead of governments in the race to renounce war as the greatest human sin. We dare not stop short of the position of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

History reveals the interesting fact that the major events of human progress receive but scant attention when they take place. Next Monday the greatest event of all human history will take place in Paris, France. Fifteen of the great nations of the world will sign agreements to outlaw war forever. As followers of the Prince of Peace we should very greatly rejoice that the greatest of all prophesies "They shall beat their sword into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not rise up against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" is being fulfilled in our day. As pastors let us help our people to appreciate what takes place in Paris Monday and join with all the peoples of the world in making that treaty the policy of the whole world for ever.

We urge all our pastors to become members of the Federation for Special Service and to secure memberships among the laymen so that they may all regularly secure literature in these and kindred subjects and assist by their memberships to further these interests. Address the Federation for Social Service at 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Signed,

JESSE LACKLEN, Chairman,
WALTER B. SPAULDING,
JOHN A. MEEKE,
ANDREW C. CATON,
GEORGE LEE,
R. V. CRATER,
CHARLES G. COLE,
MARTIN E. VAN DE MARK,
Social Service Commission.

STATE OF CHURCH

The Church is challenged by worldliness without and within seeking by means of materialistic, behavoiristic and kindred philosophies to undermine and destroy the sacred and sure foundations of Church and home.

We rejoice that the church is stressing the study and practice of Christian Stewardship, and that it is placing so great emphasis on programs of recreational activities and religious education.

However, we are convinced that all these fine programs projected by our great organization cannot of themselves satisfy the demands of this great sinful and needy world. Another program—the program of Evangelism—must be given right of way over all others and it must be kept continually in the fore-front as we pray, as we plan, and as we work, for, without insistence on the "Ye must be born again," no individual and no program can be spiritualized and therefore vitalized.

H. VAN VALKENBURGH, Chairman.

(d) Statistician's Report

Total Ministerial support		$116,051.00
Paid to District Superintendents	$11,056.00	
Episcopal Fund	1,455.00	
Conference Claimants	10,568.00	
Baptisms:		
Children		779
Adults		344
Preparatory members received		515
Members received on confession of Faith		797
Full members now on the Roll		14,370
Deaths during the year		132
Number of Sunday Schools		180
Number of Teachers		1,959
Enrollment		20,965
Senior Epworth League Members		1,626
Junior Epworth League Members		1,118
Number of Church Buildings		172
Valuation		$1,203,000
Number of Parsonages		108
Value of Parsonages		$ 270,350
Paid on Buildings and Improvements		46,085
Number of Local Preachers		38
Number of subscribers to the Pacific Christian Advocate		573
Amount contributed by Ladies' Aid Societies		$ 64,812

(e) Conference Treasurer's Report

Year 1927-28

Receipts

Glacier Park	$39,457
Helena	40,712
Yellowstone	51,919
	$132,088

Disbursements

World Service	
On Apportionment	$26,694
Special Gifts, annuities, legacies	753
Children's Day Fund	464
W. F. M. S.	3,974
W. H. M. S.	3,405
Education	19,800
Hospitals and Homes	39,598
State Epworth League	587
Area Office Expense	537
Deaconess School	4.516
Miscellaneous	5,332
District Superintendents	11,057
Episcopal Fund	1,455
Conference Claimants	10,568
Annual Conference Investments for Conference Claimants	3,006
General Conference Expenses	315

(g) Miscellaneous

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work met in all day session on Tuesday, Miss Roxana Beck, presiding. On Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the Church the pageant "The Call to Service," was given under the direction of Miss Helen C. Piper of the Deaconess School.

At the close of the pageant a public reception was held during which the Bishop and members of the Conference were formally welcomed by the pastor of the church, the Mayor of Lewistown, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church. Responses were made by Rev. Martin E. Van de Mark for the ministers and by Bishop Wallace E. Brown.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society Anniversary Meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. J. A. Martin presiding. A strong address was given by Dr. Edward Laird Mills, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate.

Christian Education was the chief emphasis throughout Wednesday evening, under the direction of Prof. Paul M. Adams. At 6 o'clock at the Calvert Hotel the annual banquet under the auspices of the Board of Examiners was held. A stirring address was given by Bishop Brown.

At 7:30 at the church the graduating exercises for the Conference Class were held. Helpful addresses were given by Dr. Henry Van Valkenburgh of the Conference and Dr. Ezra Cox of the Board of Home Missions.

Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held, Mrs. H. H. Moher of Whitefish presiding. Bishop Brown brought an interesting and helpful message on China.

Throughout Thursday evening the theme was "Pioneers of the Cross." At 6 p. m. the Calebs held their annual banquet, meeting at the Calvert Hotel. This was followed at the church by a pageant depicting the Biblical back ground upon which the Order of Calebs in the Conference was based and showing the place and significance of the order in Montana. The address of the occasion was delivered by Dr. William W. Jeffers of Los Angeles, representing the Board of Pensions and Relief. Rev. John A. Meeke was in general charge during the evening.

At 12:30 Friday, the Preachers' Wives Association enjoyed a tasty luncheon and program at the home of Mrs. De Kalb at 7:30 in the church. Bishop Brown gave a strong address on "The Waking World." Dr. H. Styles Harriss presided.

Saturday afternoon, a picnic was provided by the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce and the ladies of the church. At 7:30 Dr. E. J. Klemme, president of Intermountain Union College, spoke interestingly on the theme, "Windows of the Soul," applying the thought especially to present-day youth. Vernon E. Lewis, State President of the Epworth League, was in charge.

The Conference Love Feast was led by Rev. Edward Smith at the church at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The goodly members present found this service one of real profit. At 11 o'clock Bishop Wallace E. Brown brought a soul-stirring message to the large congregation assembled in the Junior High School, using as his text, "Never Man Spoke like this Man." At 7 o'clock the State Cabinet of the Epworth League was installed by Dr. C. M. Donaldson. Following this challenging, addresses were given by Dr. W. L. Wade, president of the State Anti-saloon League, and Dr. Henry Van Valkenburgh, State Temperance Secretary. Rev. L. L. Ortmayer presided.

VII. Memoirs

REV. JAMES A. BADCON

The Rev. James A. Badcon, for more than fifty-five years a Methodist minister, died at his home, 5046 Twentieth Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington, at 1:45 Wednesday afternoon, December 28, at the age of nearly eighty years.

The Rev. Mr. Badcon was born February 1, 1848, at Millington, England. In 1867 at the age of nineteen he was married to Miss Miriam Trenchard of Wellington, England. Of this union five children were born: Anna, the first child, who died at the age of thirteen months; Clayton S., who passed away at Bayard, Nebraska, in 1917; and three surviving sons: Arthur L. of Seattle, Dr. Sidney W. of Ogden, Utah, and Edward A. of San Francisco.

The Rev. Mr. Badcon came to the United States in 1872 and has followed the ministry almost continuously since. From Ohio, where he had his first pastorate in this country, he moved to Nebraska where the family experienced all the vicissitudes of pioneer homesteading while he traveled as a circuit minister. His wife, Miriam, passed away in McCook, Nebraska, in 1898, having lived thirty-one years as his devoted helpmate.

In 1900 he was married to Miss Lillie May Faith of Chester, Nebraska. Of this union one child was born, a son, Hugh, who died in infancy.

For twenty-five years the Rev. Mr. Badcon was assisted in his work in Nebraska, in Montana, and later in Washington, by this faithful wife, who died in Seattle August 3, 1924. Two years ago, on August 11, 1925, he was married to Mrs. Jennie Dow of Seattle, who is left his widow. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge for over fifty years. For quite a number of years he has supplied churches in and near Seattle, retiring only last August, at the age of 79.

Brother Badcon united with the Montana Conference in 1904, serving at Sheridan and Twin Bridges, and Livingston. He retired in 1915, and since then has lived in Seattle. He was a man of excellent personal qualities, and did good work for the church.

The funeral service was held in Seattle on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 2:00 P. M.,Dr. James E. Crowther being in charge. The Scriptures were read by Rev. W. H. Baker, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Randolph. The service was attended by many of his brethren of the ministry, and by a large company of his friends of the laity. Dr. Crowther delivered a message of appreciation and consolation.

REV. ANDREW KERSHAW

Andrew Kershaw was born in Oldham, England, February 11, 1847 and passed away at his late home in Seymour, Iowa, August 9, 1928, at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 25 days.

He accompanied by his parents, emigrated to the United States in 1850 and located six miles from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ten years later the family came west and established a home in Johnson county, Iowa.

In his early youth he felt called to the ministry, and entered the State University of Iowa to fit himself for the sacred and arduous responsibilities of that high calling. He was admitted on trial in the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on September 8, 1874. In 1883 he transfered to the Nebraska Conference and served within its bound for five years. He transfered to the Puget Sound Conference and served two years in the Oregon Conference. At the time of his death he had been an honored member of the Montana Conference for twenty-seven years.

Brother Kershaw was a man of many parts. His mind was unusually alert and well stored with general and useful knowledge, but especi-

ally with the precious truth of the blessed Gospel. His command of the promises of God was quite wonderful. He was a workman that need not be ashamed for he could rightly divide the word of truth. His retirement from the active ministry did not end his interest in the welfare of souls, for he sought opportunities to preach and teach the World, and his efforts were signally blessed of God. He was exceptionally gifted in prayer. He was a good minister of Jesus Christ.

He was united in marriage to Mary Sidles at Jerome, Iowa, September 7, 1880. There was one child born to this union, Charles Paul Kershaw of Streator, Illinois. After the delightful fellowship and self-sacrificing labor together in the Master's vineyard extending over a period of fifteen years, he experienced the great sorrow of parting with his beloved helpmate who had shared with him the trials and joys of the Gospel ministry.

On December 18, 1898 he was married to Sarah E. Morrison, and who for thirty years was a loyal yoke fellow with him in every field of labor to which he was assigned.

The deceased removed from the West in the fall of 1926 and established his home in Seymour. At the outset he took an active part in the work of the church. He was especially attentive to the Sunday School and the prayer meeting until failing health forced him to discontinue his activities. About three months ago he was the victim of two or three light strokes. His powers and faculties gradually waned until he went peacefully asleep to awake in the presence of the Master he so cheerfully and faithfully served.

He is survived by his bereaved wife: his son, Paul, three grandsons and two granddaughters. There are also two brothers, Ralph Kershaw of Oklahoma: Ben Kershaw of Nebraska, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Williams of Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Sunday morning by the Rev. D. J. McKay assisted by Rev. J. A. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist Church, Mystic, Iowa. Interment was in the Jerome cemetery.

REV. MARTIN H. NEEDHAM

Rev. Martin H. Needham, who was stricken with paralysis a few years ago, received another stroke on February 10, 1928, which proved fatal for on February 21 he passed to his reward from the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Montana.

Brother Needham was admitted on trial into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ohio in 1905, and into full membership in 1907. After serving a number of charges in Ohio and Arizona he came to Montana in the Fall of 1913 and was appointed to the pastorate at Valier. He also served as pastor at Hobson and Buffalo, Warren, Great Falls, and pastor at large at Geraldine, Stockett and San Coulee. Brother Needham was very evangelistic in his preaching, sincere and devoted. He was considered both a good preacher and singer. How he loved to sing the Gospel. He was highly respected and loved by his people.

On Friday, February 24, the First Church in Great Falls witnessed a large congregation of sorrowful friends who came to pay tribute to the love of a friend and pastor. Dr. H. Styles Harriss, the pastor, was in charge. Those assisting in the service were: Rev. Jesse W. Bunch, District Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Meeke, Rev. J. A. Martin, and Rev. M. J. Wilcox. Brother Needham is survived by three brothers and three sisters in the East, and a wife and son George, aged thirteen.

J. A. MARTIN.

WILLIAM H. PASCOE

William Howard Pascoe was born in Liskeard, Cornwall, England, August 27, 1866, and passed away in Seattle, Washington, at 10 P. M. May 5, 1928.

Upon reaching the age of 21 years he began to preach, being a local preacher in the Wesleyan Church. In 1889 he went to Cockermouth in the north of England where he engaged in what is called in this country "city missionary work." Here he labored for about three years.

In 1892 he came to the United States and went to St. Louis, Mo. Here he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and supplied charges from 1892 to 1901.

On October 11, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Susie Rowse of Probus, Cornwall, England. To this union were born two children, Madeline, now Mrs. E. Ernest Kobelt of Seattle, Washington, and Kenneth, who died in youth.

In 1902 he joined the Montana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. He served East Helena one year and Philipsburg where he remained for three years. Then he went to Evanston, Illinois, and attended Garrett Biblical Institute for three years, serving the Erie Street Church in Chicago during that time. Upon his return to Montana he was appointed to Grace Church, Butte, where he labored for two years. For health reasons he transferred to North Dakota in 1910 and was stationed at Bottineau for a year. From there he went to Pembina and labored three years. Then he returned to Montana and served Unity Church, Butte, Sidney and Oakes Street, Helena, and Trinity, Butte.

On account of the health of Mrs. Pascoe he took the supernumerary relation and came to Seattle where he became pastor of the Crown Hill and Bethel churches in 1922. For two more years he served the Crown Hill Church alone. In 1925 he was appointed to the Stanwood charge and served it until his death. The text for the last sermon that he preached to his people was from Psa. 55:6, "O that I had the wings of a dove, that I might fly away and be at rest!"

For several months he has been failing in health and strength. Over a month ago the church at Stanwood gave him leave of absence that he might come to Seattle for expert medical attention and treatment. An operation was performed at the Seattle General Hospital, but to no avail. A week later, a little after 10 o'clock on the evening of May 5, the Heavenly Father released him from his suffering and took him home.

The funeral service was held at Bonney-Watson's parlors on Tuesday, May 8, at 2 P. M. The Rev. Frank R. Gillett, pastor of the Crown Hill Church, was in charge, and was assisted by Dr. J. E. Crowther of the University Temple, Rev. A. H. Lathrop of Bethel Church, Rev. J. E. Milligan of the Queen Anne Church and Rev. F. L. Pedersen of the Woodland Park Church. Six Methodist ministers of Seattle were pallbearers. He was laid in his last earthly resting place in the Washelli Cemetery.

MRS. WALTER B. SPAULDING

Vera Clair Cozier was born at Aurora, Nebraska, March 8, 1888. She received her public school education at Aurora. She was a teacher in Hamilton and Lancaster Counties. She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1913. For three years she taught in the High Schools of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Losing her father and mother in the spring of 1911, Vera was made guardian of four minor children. For five years she manitained the home for the family, while all of them were in school.

In June, 1916, she was married to Rev. Walter Burton Spaulding, and moved to Montana. For four and one-half years they served at

Geraldine, one year at Whitefish, three years at Kalispell, three years at St. Paul's Church in Helena, and at Conference, 1927, they were assigned to the Yellowstone District, and moved to Billings.

On April 22, 1928, Mrs. Spaulding and family were going with Rev. Spaulding to conduct services at Park City, when the accident happened which cost her her life. She left to mourn her going, besides her husband, three children, Mary Catherine, aged 11, Eva Jean, aged 5, and John Burton, aged 15 months; two sisters, Mrs. Charles G. Cole of Butte, Montana, and Mrs. F. M. Scherts, of Washington, D. C., Four brothers, Harold, Merlin, Randall and Kenneth.

Mrs. Spaulding from childhood was a member and worker in the Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star. But it was as a home maker and a mother that she found her greatest joy and happiness. Her life and talents were fully devoted to her loved ones, and to the cause of her Christ.

The funeral services were held at Billings, Montana on Thursday, April 26, where a crowded congregation gathered to pay their last respects to a sister beloved. Several ministers of the Conference assisted in the services, and Rev. J. M. Martin and Charles G. Cole, gave addresses, and Mrs. Ward Cline, a former High School student of Mrs. Spaulding's sang. Burial took place in Billings.

MRS. C. P. ADAMS

Sallie M. Morris, born Jan. 3rd, 1868, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, October 12, 1897, she was united in marriage with Rev. C. P. Adams, who was a member of the Kentucky Conference. They moved to Montana in 1912. Rev. Adams died October 12, 1914. She was, with her husband, engaged in the active work of the ministry for 17 years. She died at Forsyth, Montana, November 2, 1927.

OLIVE PLUMMER

Olive, the twelve year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Plummer, passed to the life beyond Monday, April 23, 1928. Death was caused by heart trouble and complications, and followed an illness of several months, during most of which time she was cared for at the Montana Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls. Funeral services were held in Denton, April 26, in charge of District Superintendent, Rev. Jesse W. Bunch assisted by Rev. Edward Smith of Butte.

VIII. Roll of the Dead

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In Memoriam

Bishop Naphtali Luccock, Helena Area, 1912-1916
Died April 1, 1916

(a) Members of the Conference

Cherished Names	Ent. Itin.	Age	Died	Place of Burial
Duncan, Hugh			1887	Sheridan
Clampitt, H. P.			1888	Butte
Canfield, William			1892	Virginia City
Berk, Alexis			1896	Unknown
Lowry, Philip			1896	Anaconda
Hall, William			1898	Pine Creek
Taft, H. F.			1899	Columbia Falls
Garvin, Thomas			1901	Loyalton, Calif.
Jenkins, G. W.			1901	Philipsburg
Van Scoy, Thomas			1901	Helena
Warman, Henry			1903	Glendive
Rodger, Allan			1904	Great Falls
Hall, Marion J.			1905	Los Angeles, Calif.
Comfort, George			1908	Lanesboro, Penna.
Raleigh, A. D.			1908	Helena
Miller, C. E.			1909	Billings
Mickel, L. H.			1910	Bozeman
Bennett, J. W.			1913	Missoula
Walker, Joel C.	1889	45	1913	Newport, Indiana
Adams, C. P.			1914	Sumatra
Snyder, Wm. E.			1915	Roseburg, Ore.
Ware, I. S.			1915	Bozeman
McColm, Daniel C.	1891	62	1916	Portland, Ore.
Tait, J. W.			1918	Anaconda
Craven, Robert M.	1888	77	1919	Columbia Falls
Van Orsdel, W. W.	1872	71	1919	Helena
Whiteley, John M.			1919	Glendive
James, Henry A.	1883	62	1921	Livingston
Snider, Samuel E.	1872	74	1921	McKeesport, Pa.
Riggin, F. A.	1871	76	1924	Glasgow
Mills, Jacob	1882	83	1925	Helena
Logan, George	1890	74	1926	Helena
Wolfe, George D.	1880	65	1926	Billings
Temple, N. M.	1898	55	1927	Cheyenne, Wyo.
Badcon, J. A.	1881	79	1928	
Kershaw, Andrew	1874	81	1928	Jerome, Iowa
Needham, Martin H.	1905		1928	
Pascoe, William H.	1903	64	1928	Washelli, Washington

IX. Historical

(c) Conference Sessions and Officers

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Yr.	DAY		PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2	Salt Lake City, Utah	Foster	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31	Salt Lake City, Utah	Peck	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13	Salt Lake City, Utah	Bowman	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12	Salt Lake City, Utah	Haven	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27	Helena, Mont.	Harris	F. A. Riggin

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1877	August	2	Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2	Virginia City	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3	Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23	Virginia City	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21	Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
1882	July	21	Bozeman	Hurst	George Comfort
1883	August	15	Butte	Wiley	George Comfort
1884	September	25	Helena	Fowler	George Comfort
1885	July	9	Dillon	Walden	George Comfort
1886	July	8	Bozeman	Harris	W. A. Shannon

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1887	August	17	Butte	Foster	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12	Missoula	Joyce	George Comfort
1889	July	4	Helena	Goodsell	George C. Stull
1890	July	24	Livingston	Vincent	George C. Stull
1891	July	20	Great Falls	Bowman	George C. Stull
1892	August	4	Anaconda	Walden	George C. Stull
1893	August	10	Bozeman	Fowler	George C. Stull
1894	August	9	Butte, Mountain View	Joyce	Phillip Lowry
1895	August	22	Helena, St. Paul's	Ninde	Phillip Lowry
1896	August	13	Dillon	Warren	Phillip Lowry
1897	August	13	Butte, Trinity	Cranston	George D. King
1898	August	11	Anaconda	Mallalieu	George D. King
1899	August	9	Livingston	Joyce	George D. King
1900	August	8	Helena, St. Paul's	Fowler	George D. King
1901	August	7	Missoula	Fowler	George D. King
1902	August	7	Bozeman	Merrill	L. H. Mickel
1903	August	13	Livingston	McCabe	L. H. Mickel
1904	August	24	Butte, Grace	Berry	L. H. Mickel
1905	August	16	Dillon	Moore	L. H. Mickel
1906	August	16	Billings	Cranston	L. H. Mickel
1907	August	21	Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
1908	August	20	Miles City	McDowell	George D. King
1909	August	25	Butte, Mountain View	Spellmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24	Helena, St. Paul's	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21	Billings	Nuelsen	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21	Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20	Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26	Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18	Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16	Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22	Billings	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21	Dillon	Shepard	Jno. M. Whitley
1919	August	20	Glendive	Cooke	Charles Rhodes
1920	August	25	Helena, St. Paul's	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1921	August	24	Miles City	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1922	August	30	Missoula	Mead	Charles Rhodes
1923	August	29	Helena	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1924	August	26	Helena	Smith	Charles Rhodes

NORTH MONTANA MISSION

Organized 1892, Anaconda, Montana, by Bishop J. M. Walden.

Time	Place	President	Secretary	Statistical Secretary	Treasurer
1893	Great Falls	C. H. Fowler	W. B. Combe	R. A. Armstrong	R. M. Craven
1894	Lewistown	I. W. Joyce	George Logan	R. A. Armstrong	Joel Vigus
1895	Fort Benton	W. X. Ninde	George Logan	R. A. Armstrong	Joel Vigus
1896	Sand Coulee	H. W. Warren	George Logan	R. A. Armstrong	Joel Vigus
1897	Chinook	Earl Cranston	George Logan	R. A. Armstrong	Joel Vigus
1898	Belt	W. F. Mallalieu	George Logan	S. J. Hocking	Joel Vigus
1899	Great Falls	I. W. Joyce	George Logan	S. J. Hocking	Joel Vigus
1900	Neihart	C. H. Fowler	George Logan	J. H. Little	Joel Vigus
1901	Choteau	C. H. Fowler	George Logan	J. H. Little	Joel Vigus
1902	Great Falls	S. M. Merrill	George Logan	J. H. Little	Joel Vigus
1903	Fort Benton	C. C. McCabe	George Logan	J. H. Little	S J. Hocking
1904	Lewistown	J. F. Berry	George Logan	J. H. Little	C. Cunningham
1905	Choteau	D. H. Moore	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1906	Chinook	Earl Cranston	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1907	Great Falls	D. H. Moore	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin

KALISPELL MISSION

Organized 1900, Helena, Montana, by Bishop C. H. Fowler.

1901	Kalispell	C. H. Fowler	G. A. Wells	J. W. Morris	Sanford Snyder
1902	Colum. Falls	S. M. Merrill	G. A. Wells	H. O. Perry	Sanford Snyder
1903	Kalispell	C. C. McCabe	G. A. Wells	H. O. Perry	Sanford Snyder
1904	Colum. Falls	J. F. Berry	W. H. Shoaf	G. E. Wells	A. Kershaw
1905	Kalispell	D. H. Moore	W. H. Shoaf	W. T. Lavin	H. Pemberton
1906	Whitefish	Earl Cranston	A. D. Welch	W. T. Lavin	H. Roberts
1907	Colum. Falls	D. H. Moore	A. D. Welch	S. Williams	A. J. Snow

NORTH MONTANA CONFERENCE

Organized 1907, Great Falls, Montana, by Bishop D. H. Moore.
Union of North Montana and Kalispell Missions.

1907	Great Falls	D. H. Moore	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1908	Kalispell	W. S. Lewis	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1909	Havre	H. Spellmeyer	George Logan	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1910	Roundup	R. McIntyre	P. W. Haynes	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1911	Polson	J. L. Nuelsen	P. W. Haynes	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1912	Fort Benton	N. Luccock	P. W. Haynes	J. H. Little	J. A. Martin
1913	Glasgow	N. Luccock	P. W. Haynes	G. Mecklenburg	J. A. Martin
1914	Choteau	N. Luccock	P. W. Haynes	G. H. Heizer	J. H. Durand
1915	Great Falls	F. J. McConnell	P. W. Haynes	G. H. Heizer	J. H. Durand
1916	Kalispell	R. J. Cooke	P. W. Haynes	O. P. Shenefelt	J. H. Durand
1917	Lewistown	F. Hamilton	P. W. Haynes	O. P. Shenefelt	J. H. Durand
1918	Havre	W. O. Shepard	P. W. Haynes	O. P. Shenefelt	J. H. Durand
1919	Great Falls	R. J. Cooke	P. W. Haynes	W. B. Spaulding	Horace Turner
1920	Lewistown	C. W. Burns	C. E. Smith	W. B. Spaulding	Horace Turner
1921	Kalispell	C. W. Burns	C. E. Smith	W. B. Spaulding	Horace Turner
1922	Havre	C. L. Mead	C. E. Smith	R. A. Wilson	Horace Turner
1923	Great Falls	C. W. Burns	C. E. Smith	R. A. Wilson	Horace Turner
1924	Helena	H. L. Smith	C. E. Smith		

MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE

Organized 1924, Helena, Montana.
Merging of Montana and North Montana Conferences.

Time	Place	President	Secretary	Statistical Secretary	Treasurer
Aug. 26, 1924	Helena	H. L. Smith	C. E. Smith	F. C. Fulford	F. Whitford
Sep. 16, 1925	Great Falls	C. E. Locke	C. E. Smith	F. C. Fulford	F. Whitford
Sep. 8, 1926	Billings	H. L. Smith	C. E. Smith	F. C. Fulford	F. Whitford
Sep. 7, 1927	Bozeman	E. G. Richardson	C. E. Smith	F. C. Fulford	F. Whitford
Aug. 22, 1928	Lewistown	W. E. Brown	C. E. Smith	F. C. Fulford	F. Whitford

(d-a) Governing Laws

Articles of Incorporation of the Montana State Conference
Exhibit "A"

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the trustees of this conference, to-wit, H. K. Holtzinger, J. A. Martin, Jacob Mills, Jesse Bunch, Chas. D. Crouch, Chas. G. Cole, J. H. Little, R. C. Edgington, N. M. Temple, P. W. Haynes, and H. G. Humphrey, be and they are hereby authorized to incorporate this conference and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation as required by law.

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark—ss.

We, the president and secretary of the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by said conference at the first regular session thereof held at the building of Intermountain Union College, known as Helena Hall, in the City of Helena, Lewis & Clark County, State of Montana, on the 27th day of August, 1924; and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said conference then present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 27th day of August, 1924.

H. LESTER SMITH, President of Conference.

Attest: C. E. Smith, Secretary of Conference.

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark—ss.

We, H. K. Holtzinger, J. A. Martin, Jacob Mills, Jesse Bunch, Chas. D. Crouch, Chas. G. Cole, J. H. Little, R. C. Edgington, N. M. Temple, P. W. Haynes and H. G. Humphrey, trustees of MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DO BY THESE PRESENTS, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said conference, a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A," and hereby referred to as and made a part hereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said conference, associate ourselves together, agree upon and adopt the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Second. The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said conference, and throughout the world, and to that end cooperate with other conferences, associations and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on, conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other elemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds, and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, charitable and

religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal or mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence shall be eleven.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands the 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

H. K. HOLTZINGER,
J. A. MARTIN,
JACOB MILLS,
JESSE BUNCH,
CHAS. D. CROUCH,
CHAS. G. COLE,
J. H. LITTLE,
R. C. EDGINGTON,
N. M. TEMPLE,
P. W. HAYNES,
H. G. HUMPHREY.

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark—ss.

On the 27th day of August, 1924, before me, W. D. Tipton, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared H. K. Holtzinger, J. A. Martin, Jacob Mills, Jesse Bunch, Chas. D. Crouch, Chas. G. Cole, J. H. Little, R. C. Edgington, N. M. Temple, P. W. Haynes, and H. G. Humphrey, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) W. D. TIPTON.

Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Helena, Montana. My commission expires August 27, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

BE IT KNOWN THAT Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6453 to 6458, Revised Codes of Montana, 1921, has caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Montana its Articles of Incorporation on the twenty-eighth day of August, A. D., 1924.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. T. Stewart, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, containing the required statement of facts as prescribed by Sections 6453 to 6458, having been filed in this office, such Church is a body corporate and politic and is authorized to do business in the State of Montana.

(SEAL)

WITNESS my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana, hereunto affixed this twenty-eighth day of August, A. D., 1924.

C. T. STEWART,
Secretary of State.
By CLIFFORD L. WALKER,
Deputy.

BY-LAWS OF MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Article I.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number eleven, all of whom shall be over the age of twenty-one years and reside within the bounds of the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All trustees shall be qualified members of said Conference, and shall be elected annually by the Conference. The trustees shall have power to fill vacancies on the Board occurring during the interim of Conferences. The finances, property, and all temporal affairs of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by the trustees.

Article II.

OFFICERS: The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following election of trustees by the Conference, and whose term of office shall terminate upon the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held as soon as convenient, after the election of the trustees at the seat of the Annual Conference, for the purpose of organization as provided in Article II, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them. Special Meetings may be called by the president, or upon the written request of a majority of the trustees when not less than one week's notice has been given by mail to the last known address of each trustee, stating the object, time, and place, of such meeting. Meetings may also be held at any time and place and for the transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting when all of the trustees are present and consent thereto in writing subscribed upon the minutes. A majority of the full Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of money, and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees and the corporation, and to execute all legal documents and papers on behalf of the corporation.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President or other inability to act, and to perform all other duties of the President in his absence or inability to act.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all legal papers or documents of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees, when requested, all books, papers and documents of the corporation.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall keep also an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions pertaining to the financial conditions of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meet-

ing and to the conference at its annual session, and at such other times as he may be directed to do by the Board. He shall furnish, if required by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, insuring the faithful performance of his duties. Such bond shall be made payable to the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be executed by a responsible surety company approved by the Board and the premium therefor paid by the corporation. All moneys of the corporation received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit to be approved by the Board of Trustees, and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board, evidencing each deposit as soon as the same is made.

Article V.

SEAL. The seal of the corporation shall have inscribed thereon the following: "MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. CORPORATE SEAL 1924."

We, the undersigned, chairman and secretary respectively of the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing are the by-laws of the corporation duly approved and adopted by the Conference in corporate session held on September 19, 1925 at Great Falls, Montana.

Dated this 19th day of Septmeber, 1925.

H. K. HOLTZINGER, Chairman.
W. B. SPAULDING, Secretary.

(d-b) Corporate Session Montana State Conference

Lewistown, Montana September 25, 1927.

The Montana State Conference met in corporate session at Lewistown, Montana on Saturday, September 25, 1927, Rev. J. A. Martin, chairman. Meeting was opened by prayer by W. P. Jinnett.

H. Styles Harriss gave the report for the Ministers' Pension and Relief Commission (see report). John Hosking moved and it was duly seconded that the report be adopted and upon being voted was carried.

The report of the Conference Trustees was received and resolutions concerning certain property transactions were received and duly acted upon. (see report).

Upon nomination the present Board of Trustees was re-elected for the ensuing year (see list).

Upon motion of Jesse W. Bunch the Bynum property was placed under the supervision of the Board of Trustees at Choteau.

Upon motion of W. B. Spaulding the bills to cover expenses in the investigation of certain investigating committees were allowed. Total of bills allowed amounted to sixty sixty six ($60.66).

Mrs. Belle Harmon gave the report for the Trustees of the Central Montana Hospital and named the trustees for the ensuing year and they were duly elected (see list).

The Trustees for Intermountain Union College were nominated and duly elected (see list).

Rev. C. E. Haynes gave the report for the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital and nominated the Trustees for the ensuing year and they were duly elected (see list).

The Trustees for the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, the Kennedy Memorial Deaconess Hospital, and the Butte Deaconess Hospital were nominated and duly elected (see list). (the Billings Deaconess Hospital, the Sidney Deaconess Hospital, and the Montana Deaconess Hospital).

The Trustees for the Glacier Park Institute Camp, the King's Hill Institute Camp, and the Luccock Park Institute Camp, were nominated and duly elected (see list).

W. B. Spaulding offered the following resolution concerning a proposed hospital at Miles City: "Whereas there now exists a copy of a will known as the "Cale Will" from Miles City bequeathing a certain amount of money and real estate for the purpose of founding a hospital in said City under certain prescribed conditions and whereas there does not exist at the present time in our judgment the need for such a hospital and whereas, the sum is not sufficient for such a purpose, therefore be it resolved, that we, the Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do not accept this bequest." (signed, Charles G. Crouch, Roxana Beck, Walter B. Spaulding ,and Henry Van Valkenburgh). The motion was duly carried.

The Trustees for Montana Deaconess School were nominated and duly elected (see list).

Charles G. Cole gave the report for the committee on cooperative institutions and finance. (see report). Same was duly accepted.

R. C. Edgington presented certain needs of the Kennedy Deaconess Hospital and offered resolutions endorsing a loan of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) from the Bitting Company of St. Louis, Mo., which were duly endorsed. (See resolutions).

Alexander Muirden made a report concerning the debt and the possible closing of the Butte Deaconess Hospital and a certain resolution from the Conference Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work was offered and the report and resolutions were duly adopted. The cabinet was requested by the conference to make provision in their appointments for one of the hospital field men to take charge of and conduct a campaign in Butte this fall for the liquidation of the debts of said hospital. The conference, upon motion of C. G. Cole, made request that the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work at Chicago be asked to appropriate five hundred dollars ($500.00) for financing the campaign in Butte this fall.

C. E. Smith, as Secretary of the Conference, was authorized to correct the journal of the conference to conform with the above resolution.

It was duly moved and seconded that the corporate session be adjourned, the motion prevailed.

WALTER B. SPAULDING, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 22, 1928

Receipts

1927				
Balance on hand as receipts from Charles D. Crouch:				
Sept. 9				
	Cash in Bank		$ 451.27	
	Certificates of Deposit		4,000.00	
	O. A. White note		1,000.00	$5,451.27
Sept. 10	Fred C. Whitford,			
	Interest on funds in Chicago		471.99	
Sept. 19	Interest on C. D.s		90.40	
Oct. 17	R. J. Maloney (Caswell estate)		1,183.55	
Oct. 24	J. W. Kuller, Minutes Fund		100.00	
Dec. 1	Interest on C. D.s		30.60	
Oct. 17	C. D. from Metals Bank		600.00	
1928				
Feb. 1	Interest on C. D.s		30.80	
Mar. 27	Interest on C. D.s		20.40	

Apr. 17	Interest on C. D.s	12.00	
June 18	Principal O. A. White note	200.00	
Aug. 16	Interest on C. D.s	32.70	
Aug. 22	Principal O. A. White note	300.00	
	Interest on O. A. White note	77.85	$3,150.29
	Total receipts		$8,601.56

Disbursements

1927			
Sept. 22	For Fidelity Bond	$ 7.50	
Oct. 17	Charles D. Crouch, postage	1.50	
	Wm. Pippy, Conference Stewards	471.99	
	Montana Deaconess School	591.77	
	(Caswell estate)		
	W. B. Spaulding, Certification	1.40	
	Metals Bank and Trust for C. D.	600.00	
Dec. 1	Board of Pensions and Relief, Chi.	1,560.60	
1928			
Mar. 27	Board of Pensions and Relief, Chi.	1,040.40	
Apr. 17	W. B. Spaulding, Baer Investigation	18.25	
June 18	Applied on White Mortgage	200.00	
Aug. 22	Applied on O. A. White Mortgage	300.00	$4,793.41
	Balance on hand		$3,808.15
	On hand, Cash in bank	714.40	
	C. D.s Helena	1,603.90	
	C. D. Metals	612.00	
	O. A. White Mortgage	500.00	
	Checks on hand	377.85	$3,808.15

Total amount of interest received	$ 294.75
Total amount in Trust fund at Chicago	$11,773.34
Amount in Chicago from Mr. Meeke	
Balance of Caswell Estate	$ 4,984.52
(One-half to Montana Deaconess School)	
Balance on O. A. White note,	$ 500.00

Signed CHARLES G. COLE, Treasurer.

(X) Miscellaneous

(a) Plan of Conference Examination

Rules of Examination

1. Each examiner shall send at least four typewritten sets of questions to the Chairman not later than December 1, 1928.
2. Each undergraduate and supply pastor shall pay an examination fee of fifty cents yearly.
3. When the work is completed, questions must be obtained from the chairman.
4. Examinations must be taken in the presence of a member of the board of examiners or a pastor designated by them.
5. Upon the completion of the examination the examiner will return the paper to the candidate and report the grade to the registrar, and the questions to the chairman.
6. The examiners will meet at the seat of the conference on the day immediately preceding the session of the annual conference. At this time undergraduates must be present. The examiners will report on the work of the year and the standing of each undergraduate will be fixed.
7. After the opening session of the conference no examinations will be given.
8. There shall be held a Mid-Year Institute to be called the Summer School of Theology. This shall be under the supervision of the Board of Examiners who shall elect its officers and direct its work.
9. Examinations in the subjects taught at Summer School shall be given at the close of the Institute and at no other time. Examinations shall not be given in these subjects unless the written work on the book to be studied has been in the hands of the examiner ten days before the opening of the school.
10. Each undergraduate and local preacher in the employ of a Superintendent unless otherwise excused shall be required to be present at the session of the Summer School of Theology.
11. The Examiner is requested in preparing questions for examination to use the questions for study found at the end of each chapter in the directions and helps.
12. Examinations on studies not taught in the summer school may be taken from time to time throughout the year in accordance with the printed plan.

(b) Conference Rules of Order

1. Conference shall convene on the day set, at 9 o'clock a. m., and shall open with such religious exercises as the committee on public worship shall designate. On all other days the morning sessions shall begin at 8:30 a. m., the first half hour to be given to devotional services, and adjourn at 12:30.
2. Extra sessions may be called for afternoons or evenings.
3. The bar shall be fixed at each Annual Conference and no member shall be allowed to speak or vote outside the bar.
4. (a) The president and members shall have all privileges given by the well settled principles of common parliamentary law and the rules of the General Conference, so far as they apply to this body.

(b) The President shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference.

5. Prayer, and a motion to adjourn will always be in order.

6. The secretary shall keep a written record of the daily proceedings, and when approved by the Conference and signed by the President and Secretary, shall become the Official Journal without motion.

7. The Secretary, his assistants, the Statistical secretary and treasurer, shall constitute a committee on Publishing Minutes, said minutes to include everything necessary to make it a Conference Year Book.

8. The Publishing Committee shall have three copies of each quadrennium neatly bound, one for the use of the conference, one for the General Conference and one for Conference Historical Society.

9. The Publishing Committee shall suggest to the Conference year by year the amount necessary to apportion to each charge and to each member in detached service, to defray expenses of publishing minutes.

10. (a) No applicant for admission on trial to this conference shall be admitted who shall have passed the age of thirty-five, unless by vote of two- thirds of the conference present and voting, nor shall any candidate for admission into the conference on Credentials be received if he is past forty years, except by two-thirds vote of the Conference.

(b) In view of the increasing number of claimants on our Superannuate Fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.

11. No member shall be allowed to absent himself from a session of the Conference without being excused by the Conference, unless sick or othrwise unable to attend.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called on any question at the request of fifteen members and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

13. (a) No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than once until all members have had a chance to speak, nor shall he speak more than ten minutes at one time.

(b) When the report of the Committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate, even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.

14. Should any vacancies occur during the year on any board or society of the Conference, the district superintendents, and bishop, acting jointly, may appoint a supply for said vacancy, to serve until the next session of the conference.

15. Supernumerary and retired members may be allowed places on all committees, boards and societies, except the Board of Stewards.

16. These rules shall be printed from year to year in the minutes so long as they are in force.

17. Any rule may be amended or repealed or new rules may be added at any time by a two-thirds vote of members present at seat of conference.

(c) Record of Ordination of Local Preachers

Mrs. Belle C. Harmon, ordained Deacon, August 31, 1924, and Elder September 12, 1926.

Deacons:

Mrs. A. L. McAllister, ordained Deacon, August 31, 1924.
Miss Nelle Phillips, ordained Deacon, September 20, 1925.
Joseph R. Norton, ordained Deacon, September 20, 1925.
Alice Edith Payne, ordained Deacon September 12, 1926.
Blanche E. Burton, ordained Deacon September 11, 1927.
Corabelle M. Teachman, ordained Deacon, September 11, 1927.

Elders:

Andrew C. Caton, ordained Elder, September 20, 1925.
Orville L. Davis, ordained Elder, September 20, 1925.
F. Elizabeth Yates, ordained Deacon, Aug. 26, 1928.

(d) Lay Associations

RESOLUTIONS OF LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We find it difficult to express our appreciation of the fine hospitality of the people of Lewistown. We have felt at home with them and want to thank them most heartily for all of their kindness.

We are truly grateful to our Presbyterian friends for the use of their beautiful church for our sessions.

We cannot adequately express our appreciation to Dr. C. L. Clifford for the masterly address which he gave us. It will be an inspiration throughout the year for us in our tasks in our local churches. His call to service to the laymen will not go unheeded.

We again wish to record our appreciation for the opportunity of "looking in" on the work of the Annual Conference. And although there are times when we would like to be told to "come off the bench" and get warmed up, yet we realize that we are ably represented in the game and we hereby declare our determination to "root" for victory, even though it will be from the "bench" and the "bleachers."

We feel that the Annual Laymen's meeting should be given greater consideration and to that end, we recommend that the annual session open hereafter with a dinner on Friday evening with a program and an address by some prominent speakers and that our sessions be held on Saturday instead of Friday. We also respectfully suggest that the program for the Laymen's meeting be printed in the regular conference program.

Committee, VERNON E. LEWIS,
W. D. BENNETT,
E. O. HEDRICK.

Prohibition Resolution from the Montana Layman's Association

WHEREAS, The disregard for the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the wilful and frequent violation of the same by persons claiming to be law abiding citizens and who endeavor to comply with the provisions of other laws is condemned by this organization. We believe the citizen purchasing liquor from the bootlegger, thereby encouraging him in his unlawful business, is equally guilty and should be equally punished, therefore be it Resolved that we go on record as being opposed to all law violators and especially those opposed to the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and be it further Resolved that we are opposed to all candidates for office from President down to the lowest elective office, regardless of party affiliation, who favor modification or repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and be it further Resolved that we will work for the election of dry and capable candidates for Nation, State and County office.

Montana State Layman's Association,
By E. E. Collins, President.

(XI) Pastoral Record

(NOTE: The Secretary solicits cooperation in securing a correct record.)

EFFECTIVE

ADAMS, PAUL M., Admission, On trial Montana Conference, 1902, Full member, 1904. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1902; Elder, 1906. **Appointments,** Virginia City, 1902-1904; Utica, 1904-1905; Professor Montana Wesleyan University, 1905-1911 ;Philipsburg Circuit, 1911-1912; Butte, Trinity, 1912-1914; Vice President Montana Wesleyan University, and M. W. College (changed name) 1914-1919; Professor in Montana Wesleyan College, 1919-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Professor in Intermountain Union College (name changed) 1924; (Effective years, 26.)

ASHWORTH, JOSEPH,—Admission, On trial North Montana, 1922; Full member, Montana State, 1924. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1922, Elder, 1924. **Appointments,** Troy 1922-27; Redstone, 1927. (Effective years, 6.)

ANSTICE, FRED—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1920; Full member, 1922. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1922; Elder, 1924. **Appointments,** Philisburg, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Philipsburg, 1924-1928; Scobey, 1928 (Effective years, 8.)

AITON, ALEXANDER P.—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1917. Full member, 1919. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1919; Elder, 1925. **Appointments,** Winnett, 1917-1921; Belt, 1921-1923; Transferred to Montana, 1923; Sidney, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Sidney, 1924-27. Livingston, 1927. (Effective years, 8.)

BARKER, THOS. H.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1904; Full member, 1906. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1904; Elder, 1909. **Appointments,** Marysville, 1904-1905; Helena, Oaks Street, 1905-1906; Hamilton, 1906-1910; Butte, Mt. Bethel, and Wesley, 1910-1912; Sheridan and Ruby, 1912-1913; Laurel, 1913-1914; Pine Creek, 1914-1918; Drummond and Hall, 1918-1921; Three Forks, 1921-1923; Thompson's Falls and Plains, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Thompson Falls and Plains, 1924-1926; Ronan, 1926. (Effective years, 24.)

BARTLETT, EDWARD C.—Admissions, On trial, Upper Iowa, 1902; Full member, 1904. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1904; Elder, 1909. **Appointments,** Guttenburg, 1902-1905; At school, 1905-1909; Transferred to Montana, 1909; Sidney, 1909-1911; Bozeman, 1911-1913; Stevensville, 1913-1916; Red Lodge, 1916-1921; Anaconda, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Anaconda, 1924-1925; Glasgow, 1925-1926; Field Secretary Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, 1926-1927; Kalispell, 1927-1928, Shelby, 1928. (Effective years, 26.)

BALDWIN, LEO E.—Admissions, On trial, Des Moines, 1903; Full member, 1905. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1907. **Appointments,** Redfield, Ia., 1903-1904; Jamaica, 1904-1905; Modale, 1905-1906; Crescent, 1906-1907; At school, 1907-1910; Transferred to North Montana, 1910; Simms & Sun River Ct., 1910-1914; Supernumerary, 1914-1916; Sun River Ct., 1916-1918; Supernumerary, 1918-1923; Augusta & Simms Ct., 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Augusta & Simms Ct., 1924. (Effective years, 19.)

BALL, JOHN R.—Admissions, On trial, Puget Sound, 1903; Full member, 1909. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1909; Elder, 1914. **Appointments,** At school, 1903-1904; Rainier Beach, 1904-1906; At school, 1906-1913; Transferred to North Montana, 1913; at school, 1913-1917; Professor in Northwestern University, 1917-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Professor in Northwestern University, 1924. (Effective years, 21.)

BENNETT, WILLIAM L.—Admissions, On trial, North Dakota, 1907; Full member, 1909. **Ordination,** Deacon, 1909; Elder, 1911. **Ap-**

pointments, Des Lac, North Dakota, 1907-1909; Grano, 1909-1911; Lansford, 1911-1914; At school, 1914-1916; Cooperstown, 1916-1920; Carrington, 1920-1923; Wahpeton, 1923-1925; Leave of absence, 1925-1926; Transferred to Montana State, 1926; Helena, Coburn Memorial, Oak Street, 1926-1927; Somers, 1927. (Effective years, 21.)

BRANN, WILBUR E.—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1911; Full member, 1916. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1911; Elder, 1916. **Appointments**, At school, 1911-1915; Grass Range, 1915-1917; Lavina, 1917-1921; Denton, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924: Denton, 1924-1927; Whitefish, 1927. (Effective years, 14.)

BICKLE, R. MONTAGUE—Admissions, Credentials, North Dakota, 1905; Full member, 1909. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1909. **Appointments**, Dunseith, 1905-1923; Cavalier, 1923-1924; Transferred to North Montana, 1924; Chinook, 1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924: Chinook, 1924-1926; Chester, Inverness, Hingham, 1926. (Effective years, 21.)

BLAKE, ROBERT RICHMOND. Admissions, On trial, North West Indiana, 1920; Full member, New England, 1927. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1927; Elder —. **Appointments**, At school, 1920-1924; Transferred to Montana State, 1924; Hobson & Benchland, 1924-1925; At school, 1925-1926; Transferred to New England, 1926; At school, 1926-1927; Transferred to Montana State, 1927; At school, 1927-1928. Associate St. Paul's, Helena, 1928. (Effective years, 3.)

BUNCH, JESSE W.—Admissions, On trial, N. W. Indiana, 1914; North Montana, 1916. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1914; Elder, 1916. **Appointments**, South Bend, Ind., 1914-1915; Transferred to North Mont., 1915; Fort Benton, 1915-1920; Roundup, 1920-1923; Supt. Great Falls District, 1923-1924; Charter member Mont. State, 1924. Supt. Great Falls District, 1924-1928. (Renamed Helena District, 1926.) University Pastor, Missoula, 1928. (Effective years, 14.)

CARLETON, RALPH—Admissions, On trial, Minnesota, 1900; Full member, 1902. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1902; Elder, 1904. **Appointments**, Lanesboro, 1900-1902; St. Charles, 1902-1904; Goodhue, 1904-1906; Waseca, 1906-1909; Worthington, 1909-1911; Conference Evangelist, 1911-1913; Caledonia, 1913-1915; Transferred to North Dakota, 1915; Starkweather, N. D., 1915-1920; Transferred to North Montana, 1920; Harlowton, 1920-1922; Transferred to Montana, 1922; Ronan, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Alberton, 1924-1925; Associate pastor, Missoula, 1925-1926; Supernumerary, 1926-1927; Thompson Falls, 1927. (Effective years, 27.)

CATON, ANDREW C.—Admissions, On trial, Montana State, 1925; Full member, 1927. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1923; Elder, 1925. **Appointments**, Sunburst, 1925-1928. Kalispell, 1928. (Effective years, 3.)

CHAPPELL, HARRY E.—Admissions, On trial, Puget Sound, 1911; Full Member, Montana, 1918. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1911; Elder, 1920. **Appointments**, Grays River, Wash., 1911-1914; LaConner, Wash., 1914-1916; Transferred to Montana, 1916; Camanche Ct., 1916-1918; Baker, 1918-1921; Bridger & Joliet Ct., 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Polson, 1924-1927; Saco Ct., 1927. (Effective years, 12.)

CHIRGWIN, JOHN—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1905; Full member, 1907; **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1909. **Appointments**, Marysville, 1905-1906; Drummond and Ovando, 1906-1908; Helena, Oaks Street, 1908-1910; Townsend and Radersburg, 1910-1911; Helena, Oaks Street, 1911-1913; Field Secretary Montana Deaconess School, 1913-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Field Secretary Montana Deaconess School, 1924. (Effective years, 23.)

CLIFFORD, CECIL L.—Admissions, On trial. W. Wisconsin, 1906; Full member, 1909. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1913. **Appointments**, Madison, Trusdale, 1906-1909; Reedsburg, 1909-1914; Sparta,

1914-1917; Transferred to North Dakota, 1917; Minot, 1917-1921; Transferred to Montana, 1921; Butte, Mt. View, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State Conference, 1924; Butte, Mt. View, 1924-1926; Supt. Glacier Park District, 1926. (Effective years, 21.)

COLE, CHARLES G.—Admissions, On trial, Nebraska, 1910; Full member, New Hampshire, 1914. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1913; Elder, 1916. **Appointments,** Valpariso, Neb., 1910-1911; Lincoln Heights, 1911-1913; Transferred to New Hampshire, 1913; Manchester, Trinity, 1913-1916; Transferred to St. Louis, 1916; Wesley House Settlement, 1916-1917; Transferred to North Montana, 1917; Kalispell, 1917-1921; Supt. Glacier Park District, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924. Supt. Glacier Park District, 1924-1926; Butte, Mt. View, 1926. (Effective years, 16.)

CRATER, ROLLO V.—Admissions, On trial North Montana, 1922; Full member, Montana State, 1924. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1922; Elder, 1924. **Appointments,** Culbertson, 1922-1926; Big Sandy Ct., 1926. (Effective years, 6.)

CROUCH, CHARLES D.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1899; Full member, 1901. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1901; Elder, 1903. **Appointments,** Clancy, 1899-1901; Helena, Oak Street, 1901-1902; Butte, Mt. Bethel & Unity, 1902-1904; Great Falls, 1904-1907; Charter member North Montana, 1907; Great Falls, 1907-1908; Transferred to Montana, 1908; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1908-1912; Stevensville, 1912-1913; Missoula, 1913-1919; Helena, St. Pauls, 1919-1922; Supt. Billings Deaconess Hospital, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924. Executive Secretary Billings Deaconess Hospital, 1924. (Effective years, 29.)

CUNNINGHAM, CHARLES E.—Admissions, On trial, Arkansas, 1888; Full member, Puget Sound, 1890. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1890; Elder, 1892. **Appointments,** Little Rock Ct., Ark., 1888-1889; Fort Smith, 1889-1890; Transferred to Puget Sound, 1890; Elma, Wash., 1890-1891; Friday Harbor, 1891-1892; Avon, 1892-1893; Crescent Harbor, 1893-1894; Stanwood, 1894-1896; Port Angeles, 1896-1897; Missionary to North Montana Mission, 1897; Sand Coulee, 1897-1899; Transferred to Montana, 1899; Choteau, 1899-1901; Fort Benton & Highwood, 1901-1904; Glendive, 1904-1906; Red Lodge, 1906-1909; Stevensville, 1909-1912; Miles City, 1912-1913; Pine Creek, 1913-1915; Twin Bridges, 1915-1917; Townsend, 1917-1920; Sheridan & Ruby, 1920-1923; Townsend & Rader, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Townsend & Rader, 1924-1925; Field Secretary Montana Deaconess School, 1925. (Effective years, 40.)

DODDS, FRANK E.—Admissions, On trial, Detroit, 1895; Full member, 1897. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1893; Elder, 1897. **Appointments,** At school, 1895-1896; Fairfield, Mich., 1896-1897; Saline, 1897-1900; Belleville, 1900-1901; Holly, 1901-1903; Transferred to Montana, 1903; White Sulphur Springs, 1903-1904; Miles City, 1904-1906; Butte, Grace, 1906-1908; Dillon, 1908-1911; Located, 1911; Readmitted, 1913; Thompson Falls & Noxon, 1913-1918; Transferred to North Montana, 1918; Somers, 1918-1921; Supernumerary, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Mineral County Parish, 1924-1927; Belt, 1927. (Effective years, 28.)

DONALDSON, CHARLES M.—Admissions, On trial, Minnesota, 1906; Full member North Montana, 1910. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1910. **Appointments,** Grand Meadow, Minn., 1906-1907; At school 1907-1910; Transferred to North Montana, 1910; Fort Benton, 1910-1913; Lewistown, 1913-1918; Transferred to Montana 1918; Helena, St. Paul's, 1918-1919; Associate Financial Centenary Director, 1919-1920; President Montana Wesleyan College, 1920-1922; Glendive, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Glendive, 1924-1925; Missoula, 1925. (Effective years, 20.)

DUTTON, REUBEN—**Admissions**, Credentials, 1916. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1916; Elder, 1920. **Appointments**, Redstone & Outlook, 1916-1920; Chinook, 1920-1923; Whitefish, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Whitefish, 1924-1927; Glendive, 1927. (Effective years, 12.)

EWING, WILLIAM McDONALD—**Admissions**, On trial, Rock River, 1894; Full member, 1896; **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1896; Elder, 1898. **Appointments**, North Prairie, Ill., 1894-1896; Des Plaines, 1896-1898; Cuyler, 1898-1899; Willard, 1899-1900; Hinckley, 1900-1904; Batavia, 1904-1908; Plainfield, 1908-1911; Marengo, 1911-1913; Transferred to Idaho Conference, 1913; Caldwell, Ida., 1913-1918. Superintendent Boise District, 1923-1924; Pocatello, 1924-1927; Transferred to Montana State, 1927; Miles City, 1927. (Effective years, 34.)

DOVER, EDWIN—**Admissions**, On trial, North Montana, 1920; Full member, New England, 1927. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1927; Elder, 1928. **Appointments**, At school, 1920-1926; Transferred to New England, 1926; At school, 1926-1927; Transferred to Montana State, 1927; Geraldine, 1927. (Effective years, 3.)

EDGINGTON, ROBERT C.—**Admissions**, On trial, N. E. Ohio, 1909; Full member, 1911. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1909; Elder, 1911. **Appointments**, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1909-1910; Caledonia, Ohio, 1910-1913; Transferred to Montana, 1913; Helena, St. Pauls, 1913-1918; Transferred to North Montana, 1918; Chaplain U. S. Army, 1918-1919; Lewistown, 1919-1920; Associate Secretary, Area Office, 1920-1921; State Secretary Hospitals, 1921-1922; Transferred to Montana, 1922; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1924-1927; General Superintendent Hospital at Bozeman, 1927. (Effective years, 19.)

FIKE, TOBIAS T.—**Admissions**, On trial, North Montana, 1917; Full member, 1919. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1915; Elder, 1919. **Appointments**, Floweree & Genou, 1917-1920; Great Falls, Warren, 1920-1922; Winnett, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Winnett, 1924-1926; Moore, 1926-1928; Laurel and Park City, 1928. (Effective years, 11.)

FENTON, CHARLES E.—**Admissions**, On trial, West Nebraska, 1897; Full member, 1899. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1899; Elder, 1901; **Appointments**, Merna, Neb., 1897-1900; New Castle, Wy., 1900-1905; Basin, Wy., 1905-1906; Deitz, Wy., 1906-1907; Ranchester & Pass Creek, Wy., 1907-1909; Supernumerary, 1909-1911; Transferred to Montana, 1911; Forsyth, 1911-1914; Conference missionary Board Sunday Schools, 1914-1916; Ingomar Ct., 1916-1917; Clyde Park, 1917-1918; Hardin, 1918-1919; Clyde Park, 1919-1921; Transferred to N. Dakota, 1921; Marmarth & Bowman, N D., 1921-1924; Transferred to Montana State 1924; Bridger, 1924. (Effective years, 29.)

FRAME, HERBERT J.—**Admissions**, On trial, North Montana, 1919; Full member, 1921. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1921; Elder, 1923. **Appointments**, Culbertson, 1919-1921; Redstone & Flaxville, 1921-1923; Columbia Falls, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Columbia Falls, 1924-1927; Polson, 1927. (Effective years, 9.)

FRIDLEY, BERT D.—**Admissions**. By Credentials from Evangelical Church, 1928. **Ordination**, orders recognized, 1928. **Appointments**, Cascade, 1928.

FULFORD, FRED C.—**Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1908; Full Member, 1910. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1908; Elder, 1912. **Appointments**, Drummond & Ovando, 1908-1910; Sheridan & Ruby, 1910-1914; Forsyth, 1914-1917; Butte, Unity, 1917-1921; Red Lodge, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Red Lodge, 1924-1925; Roundup, 1925. (Effective years, 20.)

GREER, WALTER L.—**Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1914; Full member, 1920. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1914; Elder, 1920. **Appointments**,

Red Water Ct., 1914-1915; Marysville, 1915-1916; Winston, 1916-1917; Assistant St. Paul, Helena, 1917-1918; Y. M. C. A. War work, 1918-1919; At school, 1919-1920; Transferred to New Jersey, 1920; Oceanport, N. J., 1920-1921; Old Bridge, N. J., 1921; Transferred to Montana, 1921; Roberts & Joliet Ct., 1921-1922; Wilsall, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Baker, 1924-1925; Wibaux, 1925-1927; Park City Circuit, 1927-1928; Leave of absence, 1928. (Effective years, 10.)

HALDEMAN, ALLAN—**Admissions**, Credentials, Philadelphia, 1920. **Ordinations**, Elder, 1917. **Appointments**, Mt. Hope, Pa., 1920-1922; Transferred to Montana, 1922; Drummond & Hall, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Drummond & Hall, 1924-1926; Libby, 1926-1927; Sheridan, 1927. Effective years, 8.)

HAMMER, AUGUSTUS W.—**Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1899; Full member, 1901. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1899; Elder, 1903. **Appointments**, Missionary to North Montana Mission, 1899; Dupuyer, 1899-1902; Shelby Junction & Sweet Grass, 1902-04; Augusta, 1904-1906; Garneil, 1906-1907; Charter Member North Montana 1907; Utica & Stanford, 1907-1908; Utica, Stanford & Hobson, 1908-1910; Belt, 1910-1912; Epworth Piegan Indian Mission, 1912-1921; Brady, Collins & Dutton, 1921-1924. Charter member Montana State, 1924; Buffalo & Straw, 1924. (Effective years, 29.)

HANNAN, CECIL G., **Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1920; Full member, 1922. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1914; Elder, 1925. **Appointments**, Wilsall, 1920-1922; Richey Ct., 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Richey Ct., 1924-1925; Fairview, 1925-1928; Red Lodge, 1928. (Effective years, 8.)

HARDY, DAVID—**Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1908; Full member, 1910. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1908; Elder, 1912. **Appointments**, Twin Bridges, 1908-1909; Big Timber, 1909-1912; Bridger & Fromberg, 1912-1914; Plains & Camas, 1914-1915; Transferred to North Montana, 1915; Libby, 1915-1919; Buffalo & Garneil, 1919-1923; Ft. Benton, Floweree & Loma, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Ft. Benton, Floweree & Loma, 1924-1927; Sidney, 1927. (Effective years, 20.)

HARRISS, H. STYLES—**Admissions**, On trial, North Dakota, 1903; Full member, 1905. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1907. **Appointments**, Osnabrock, N. D., 1903-1905; Cooperstown, 1905-1907; Leeds, 1907-1909; Harvey, 1909-1912; Cando, 1912-1915; Williston, 1915-1918; Lisbon, 1918-1920; Supt. Grand Forks District, 1920-1925; Institutional Secretary, 1925-1926; Transferred to Montana State, 1926; Great Falls, 1926. (Effective years, 25.)

HAYNES, PHILO W.—**Admissions**, On trial, Montana, 1896; Full Full member, 1898. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1896; Elder, 1901. **Appointments**, Columbia Falls, 1896-1897; Stevensville, 1897-1901; Glasgow, 1901-1904; Fort Benton, 1904-1907; Charter member North Montana, 1907; Fort Benton, 1907-1908; Belt, 1908-1910; Conference Sunday School Missionary, 1910-1923; Cascade, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Cascade, 1924-1925; Huntley & Worden, 1925. (Effective years, 32.)

HAYNES, CHARLES E.—**Admissions**, On trial Montana, 1900; Full member, North Montana, 1907. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1900; Elder, 1911. **Appointments**, Havre & Box Elder, 1900-1901; Malta Ct., 1901-1902; At school, 1902-1907; Transferred to North Montana, 1907; Malta & Zortman, 1907-1908; Roundup, 1908-1911; Moore, 1911-1913; Ft. Benton, 1913-1915; Hobson & Buffalo, 1915-1916; Shonkin, 1916-1917; Supernumerary, 1917-1921; Big Sandy & Box Elder, 1921-1922; Saco, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Wolf Point, 1924-1926; Glasgow, 1926. (Effective years, 19.)

HAWK, JOSEPH V.—**Admissions**, Credentials, North Montana, 1920. **Ordinations**, Recognized Elder, 1920. **Appointments**, Supt. Montana Childrens' Home Finding Society, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State,

1924; Supt. Montana Childrens' Home Finding Society, 1924. (Effective years, 8.)

JINNETT WILLIAM P.—Admissions, On ,trial, Columbia River, 1903; Full member, 1905. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1907. **Appointments,** Echo, Ore., 1903-1904; Prineville, Ore., 1904-1907; Goldendale, Wash., 1907-1909; Ellensburg, Wash., 1909-1911; Transferred to St. Louis, 1911; Nevada, Mo., 1911-1912; Transferred to Columbia River, 1912. Grangeville, Ida., 1912-1914; Clarkston, Wash., 1914-1916; Spokane, Fowler Memorial, 1916-1917; Waitsburg, Wash., 1917-1918; Supernumerary, 1918-1921; Transferred to North Dakota, 1921; Williston, N. D., 1921-1923; Transferred to Montana, 1923; Three Forks, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Three Forks, 1923-1925; Whitehall, 1925-1927; Fort Benton, 1927. (Effective years, 22.)

KISTLER, ERNEST D. I.—Admissions, on trial, North East Ohio, 1920; Full member, North Montana, 1922. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1922; Elder, 1922. **Appointments,** At school, 1920-1922; Transferred to North Montana, 1922; Shelby, 1922-1923; Scobey, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Scobey, 1924-1928; School, 1928. (Effective years, 8.)

KULLER, JOHN W.—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1923; Full member, Montana State, 1925. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1923; Elder, 1925. **Appointments,** Wolf Point, 1923-1924; Opheim, 1924-1927; Mineral County Parish, 1927-1928; Lower Flathead Parish, 1928. (Effective years, 5.)

LACKLEN, JESSE—Admissions, On trial, North Ohio, 1907; Full member, Montana, 1911. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1909; Elder, 1912. **Appointments,** Grace Church, Delaware, O., 1907-1908; At school, 1908-1910; Howard Ct., O., 1910-1911; Transferred to Montana, 1911; Dillon, 1911-1913; Bozeman, 1913-1915; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1915-1916; Anaconda, 1916-1918; Chaplain U. S. A., 1918-1919; Missoula, 1919-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Missoula, 1924-1925; Billings, 1925-1928. Superintendent Yellowstone District, 1928. (Effective years, 19.)

LATHAM, FINIS M.—Admissions, On trial, Southern Illinois, 1905; Full member, 1907. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1907; Elder, 1912. **Appointments,** Eddyville, Ill., 1905-1907; Transferred to Southern Kansas, 1907; Hamilton, Kansas, 1907-1908; Halls Summit, 1908-1909; Transferred to Southern Illinois, 1909; Norris City, Ill., 1909; Supernumerary, 1909-1910; Galatia, 1910-1914; Supernumerary, 1914-1917; Transferred to Montana, 1917; Laurel, 1917-1918; Supernumerary, 1918-1921; Pine Creek, 1921-1922; Fairview, 1922-1923; Fromberg & Joliet, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Fromberg & Joliet, 1924-1926; Harlowton, 1926-1928; Hardin, 1928. (Effective years, 16.)

LEE, GEORGE C.—Admissions, On trial, Minnesota, 1909; Full member, 1911. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1911; Elder, 1913. **Appointments,** Ceylon, Minn., 1909-1911; Edgerton, 1911-1915; Transferred to North Dakota, 1915; Langdon, N. D., 1915-1917; Hamilton, 1917-1919; Supernumerary, 1919-1922; Transferred to Montana, 1922; Whitehall Ct., 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Ronan, 1924-1926; Culbertson, 1926. (Effective years, 16.)

LENNOX, HERBERT J.—Admissions, On trial Erie, 1923; Full member, 1927. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1927, Elder, 1928. **Appointments,** At School 1923-1928; Transferred to Montana State, 1928; Opheim Circuit, 1928. (Effective years, 3.)

MARTIN, JOHN A.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1893; Full member, 1895. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1894; Elder, 1895. **Appointments,** Bozeman Ct., 1893-1894; Missionary to North Montana, 1894; Glasgow, 1894-1896; Fort Benton, 1896-1897; At school, 1897-1898; Hamilton, 1898-1902; Phillipsburg & Granite, 1902-1903; Chinook & Bear Paw, 1903-1906; Lewistown, 1906-1907; Charter member North Montana, 1907; Lew-

istown, 1907-1908; Great Falls, 1908-1913; Supt. Great Falls District, 1913-1923; Field Representative Montana Deaconess Hospital, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Field Representative Montana Deaconess Hospital, 1924. (Effective years, 35.)

MEEKE, JOHN A.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1904; Full member, 1906. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1904; Elder, 1908. **Appointments,** Hamilton, 1904-1906; Whitehall, 1906-1907; Big Timber, 1907-1909; Meadow Creek, 1909-1911; Butte, Grace, 1911-1914; Anaconda, 1914-1916; Sheridan, 1916-1917; Supernumerary, 1917-1920; Hardin, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Hardin, 1924-1926; Field Agent Board Pensions & Relief, 1926. (Effective years, 21.)

MECKLENBURG, HENRY C.—Admissions, On trial, Northern Minnesota, 1909; Full member, 1913. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1913; Elder, 1915. **Appointments,** At school, 1909-1915; Transferred to Montana, 1915; Three Forks, 1915-1917; At school, 1917-1920; Transferred to North Montana, 1920; Denton, 1920-1921; Epworth Piegan Indian Mission, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Epworth Piegan Indian Mission, 1924-1926; Chinook, 1926-1928; Columbia Falls, 1928. (Effective years, 17.)

NORTON, JOSEPH R.—Admissions, On trial, Montana State, 1925; Full member, 1927. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1925; Elder, 1927. **Appointments,** Redstone & Flaxville, 1925-1927; Whitehall, 1927-1928; Valier, 1928. (Effective years, 3.)

ORTMAYER, LOUIS L.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1918; Full member, 1920. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1920; Elder, 1923. **Appointments,** Meadow Creek, 1918-1921; Huntley & Worden, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Huntley & Worden, 1924-1925; Townsend & Rader, 1925-1927; Lewistown, 1927. (Effective years, 10.)

PARISH, GEORGE O.—Admissions, On trial, Northern Minnesota, 1909; Full member, 1911. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1910; Elder, 1914. **Appointments,** Cass Lake, Minn., 1909-1913; Akeley, 1913-1915; Thief River Falls, 1915-1918; Transferred to Columbia River, 1918; Kellogg, Ida., 1918-1920; Spokane, Centenary Church, 1920-1923; Transferred to Montana, 1923; Miles City, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Miles City, 1924-1927; Havre, 1927. (Effective years, 19.)

PENNEPACKER, JOSEPH S.—Admissions, On trial, Montana State, 1924; Full member, New England Southern, 1927; **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1924; Elder, 1926. **Appointments,** Libby, Montana, 1924-1926; Transferred to Central New York, 1926; At school, 1926-1927; Transferred to New England Southern, 1927; Transferred to Montana State, 1927; At school, 1927. (Effective years, 3.)

PECK, Aden T.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1917; Full member, 1922. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1922; Elder, 1927. **Appointments,** Park City, 1917-1920; Park City & Fish Tail, 1920-1923; Luther & Fish Tail, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Luther & Fish Tail, 1924-1926; Lavina & Ryegate, 1926. (Effective years, 6.)

PIPPY, WILLIAM—Admissions, On trial, North Dakota, 1908; Full member, 1910. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1908; Elder, 1912. **Appointments,** Balfour, N. D., 1908-1910; Transferred to North Montana, 1910; Chester, 1910-1912; Shelby & Sweet Grass, 1912-1917; Chaplain U. S. Army, 1917-1920; Shelby & Sweet Grass, 1920-1921; Glasgow, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Glasgow, 1924-1925; Welfare Worker for Masonic Order at Ft. Harrison, 1925. (Effective years, 20.)

PLUMMER, ARCHIBALD E.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1911; Full member, 1913. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1911; Elder, 1919. **Appointments,** Birney Ct., 1911-1912; Bloomfield, 1912-1914; Joliet Ct., 1914-

1916; Helena, Oak Street, 1916-1918; Thompson & Plains, 1918-1919; Helena, Oak Street, 1919-1921; Transferred to North Montana, 1921; Malta, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Malta, 1924-1926; Field Secretary Intermountain College, 1926; Denton, 1927. (Effective years, 17.)

PONATH, OTTO G.—Admissions, On trial, West German, 1894; Full member, 1896. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1896; Elder, 1898. **Appointments**, Hastead, Kan., 1894-1897; Huntsville, 1897-1899; Bison, 1899-1902; Ellinwood, 1902-1903; Osceola, Neb., 1903-1905; Transferred to Nebraska, 1905; Utica & Tomorrow, Neb., 1905-1907; Bladen, 1907-1910; Odell, 1910-1911; Polk, 1911-1913; Transferred to North Dakota, 1913; Linton, N. Dak., 1913-1915; Steele, 1915-1916; Hankinson, 1916-1917; Transferred to Montana, 1917; Baker, 1917-1918; Laurel & Joliet, 1918-1921; Leave of absence, 1921-1922; Pine Creek, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Pine Creek, 1924. (Effective years, 34.)

REDFIELD, WILLIAM ADELBERT—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1923; Full member, New England, 1927. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1927; Elder—. **Appointments**, Hingham, Gilford, Rudyard, 1923-1924; At school, 1924-1926; Transferred to New England, 1926; At school, 1926-1927; Transferred to Montana State, 1927. At School, 1927. (Effective years, 3.)

REID, GEORGE—Admissions, On trial, Missouri, 1916; Full member, North Montana 1918. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1917; Elder, 1920. **Appointments**, At school, 1916-1917; Transferred to North Montana, 1917; Moore, 1917-1918; Centenary Office Secretary, 1918-1919; Transferred to Montana, 1919; Walkervile, 1919-1920; Conference Evangelist, 1920-1921; Stevensville, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; At school, 1924-1927; Missoula Circuit, 1927-1928; Forsyth, 1928. (Effective years, 12.)

RICKETT, HOWARD B.—Admissions, On trial, Ohio, 1918; Full member, Montana State, 1924. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1922; Elder, 1924. **Appointments**, Reeb Ave., Columbus, O., 1918-1921; At school, 1921-1924; Transferred to Montana State, 1924; Associate pastor, Great Falls, 1924-1926; Dillon, 1926. (Effective years, 6.)

RHODES, CHARLES—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1908; Full member, 1911. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1908; Elder, 1916. **Appointments**, Belgrade, 1908-1909; Twin Bridges & Centerville, 1909-1910; Drummond & Ovando, 1910-1912; Butte, Mt. Bethel & Wesley, 1912-1914; Hamilton, 1914-1919; Butte, Grace, 1919-1922; Thompson & Plains, 1922-1923; Butte, Unity & Silver Bow, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Butte, Unity & Silver Bow, 1924-1926; Fromberg Ct., 1926. (Effective years, 19.)

SMITH, CHARLES E.—Admissions, On trial, Upper Iowa, 1897; Full member, 1899. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1899; Elder, 1901. **Appointments**, Brownville Ct., 1897-1898; St. Ansgar, 1898-1902; Hawkeye, 1902-1903; Fredericksburg, 1903-1906; Postville, 1906-1909; Transferred to North Montana, 1909; Columbia Falls, Montana, 1909-1912; Eureka, 1912-1915; Whitefish, 1915-1920; Moore, 1920-1923; Valier, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Saco, 1924-1927; Hamilton & Sula, 1927. (Effective years, 31.)

SMITH, EDWARD, Admissions, On trial, Columbia River, 1893; Full member, 1895. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1892; Elder, 1895. **Appointments**, Wilbur, Wash., 1893-1895; West Kittitas, 1895-1896; Pullman, 1896-1898; Transferred to Montana, 1898; Lima, Mont., 1898-1900; Livingston, 1900-1905; Supt. Helena District, 1905-1907; Billings, 1907-1912; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1912-1914; Supt. Helena District, 1914-1916; Supt. Yellowstone District, 1916-1920; Dillon, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Dillon, 1924-1925; Butte, Grace & Wesley, 1925. (Effective years, 35.)

SMITH, ROBERT P.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1896; Full member, 1898. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1896; Elder, 1900. **Appointments,** Sheridan Ct., 1896-1899; Dillon, 1899-1903; Helena, St. Paul's, 1903-1905; Chancellor Montana Wesleyan University, 1905-1907; President Montana Wesleyan University, 1907-1908; President Kansas Wesleyan University, 1908-1909; Transferred to North West Kansas, 1909; President Kansas Wesleyan University, 1909-1015; Transferred to Montana, 1915; Bozeman, 1915-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Bozeman, 1924. (Effective years, 32.)

SPAULDING, WALTER B.—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1916; Full member, 1918. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1916; Elder, 1918. **Appointments,** Geraldine, 1916-1920; Whitefish, 1920-1921; Kalispell, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Helena, St. Pauls, 1924-1927; Superintendent Yellowstone District, 1927-1928; Superintendent Helena District, 1928. (Effective years, 12.)

SPENCER, FREDERICK T.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1905; Full member, 1907. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1905; Elder, 1909. **Appointments,** Park City Ct., 1905-1907; Butte, Mt. Bethel & Silver Bow Park, 1907-1910; Hamilton, 1910-1914; Bridger & Fromberg, 1914-1916; Whitehall, 1916-1922; Butte, Trinity & Mt. Bethel, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Butte, Trinity & Mt. Bethel, 1924. (Effective years, 23.)

STONG, HARRY T.—Admissions, On trial, Central Pa., 1912; Full member, 1914. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1914; Elder, 1916. **Appointments,** Emporium Ct., Pa., 1912-1913; Sandy Ridge & Centre, 1913-1914; At school, 1914-1917; Fifty Eighth St., & Lakemount, N. Y., 1917- 1918; Chaplain U. S. Army, 1918-1919; Transferred to North Montana, 1919; Choteau, 1919-1923; Belt, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Belt, 1924-1927; Brady, Dutton, 1927. (Effective years, 16.)

SWISHER, ELE D.—Admissions, On trial, Central Ill., 1907; Full member, Montana, 1913. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1912; Elder, 1914. **Appointments,** At school, 1907-1911; Philipsburg, Mont., 1911-1912; Transferred to Montana, 1912; Meadow Creek Ct., 1912-1916; St. Ignatius & Ronan, 1916-1918; Bridger & Fromberg, 1918-1921; Laurel, 1921-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Hamilton, 1924-1927; Columbia Falls, 1927-1928; Winnett, 1928. (Effective years, 17.)

VAN DEMARK, MARTIN E.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1917; Full member, North Montana, 1923. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1923; Elder, 1925. **Appointments,** At school, 1917-1918; In U. S. Army, 1918-1919; At school, 1919-1920; Principal Montana Wesleyan Academy, 1920-1922; Transferred to North Montana, 1922; Valier, 1922-1923; At school, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; At school, 1924-1927; Helena, St. Paul's & Coburn Memorial, 1927. (Effective years, 7).

VAN VALKENBURGH, HENRY—Admissions, On trial, Austin, 1900; Full member, 1902. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1901; Elder, 1902. **Appointments,** New Mexico English Mission, Pinos Altos, N. M., 1900-1903; Alamogordo, 1903-1904; Raton, 1904-1906; Las Vegas, 1906-1909; Roswell, 1909-1914; Tucson, Ari., 1914-1915; Transferred to New Mexico, 1915; Tucson, Ariz., 1915-1918; El Paso, Texas, 1918-1923; Transferred to North Montana, 1923; Havre, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Havre, 1924-1927; Field Secretary Temperance Work, 1927. (Effective years, 28.)

WERTS, FORREST W.—Admissions, On trial, North Montana, 1915; Full member, 1918. **Ordinations,** Deacon, 1918; Elder, 1922. **Appointments,** Craig, 1915-1916; Bynum Ct., 1916-1917; Wolf Creek, 1917-1918; Craig, 1918-1919; Supernumerary, 1919-1920; Valier, 1920-1921; Polson, 1921-1923; At school, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; At school, 1924-1925; Anaconda, 1925-1928; Billings, 1928. (Effective years, 11.)

WAMPLER, WALTER C.—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1920; Full member, New England Southern, 1924. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1921; Elder, 1924. **Appointments**, Clancy & Jefferson, 1920-1922; At school, 1922-1924; Transferred to New England Southern, 1924; Pearl St., Brockton, Mass., 1924-1925; Transferred to Montana State, 1925; Shelby, 1925-1928; Chinook, 1928. (Effective years, 6.)

WILCOX, ALLEN C.—Admissions, On trial, Central Ill., 1924; Montana State, 1926. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1925; Elder, 1926. **Appointments**, Dana, Ill., 1924-1926; Transferred to Montana State, 1926; Epworth Piegan Indian Missions, 1926. (Effective years, 4.)

WILCOX, MONROE J.—Admissions, On trial, Montana State, 1924; Full member, 1926. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1924; Elder, 1926. **Appointments**, Valier, 1924-1926; Associate pastor Great Falls, 1926-1928; Hobson & Benchland, 1928. (Effective years, 4.)

WHITFORD, FRED—Admissions, On trial, Montana, 1907; Full member, 1909. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1908; Elder, 1911. **Appointments**, Clancy, 1907-1909; Whitehall, 1909-1913; Red Lodge, 1913-1916; Huntley, 1916-1920; Forsyth, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Forsyth, 1924-1928; Leave of absence, 1928. (Effective years, 21.)

WOODS, HUBERT W.—Admissions, On trial Montana, 1920; Full member, Montana State, 1924. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1924; Elder, 1926. **Appointments**, Joliet Ct., 1920-1921; Butte, Unity & Wesley, 1921-1923; Helena, Coburn Memorial, 1923-1926; Valier, 1926-1928; Harlowton, 1928. (Effective years, 6.)

RETIRED

BOVARD, CHARLES LINCOLN—Admissions, On trial, South East Indiana, 1884; Full member, 1886. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1886; Elder, 1888. **Appointments**, Blocher Ct., 1884-1886; North Vernon, 1886-1889; Vavay, 1889-1890; Missionary to New Mexico, 1890-1891; Supt. New Mexico Mission, 1891-1897; Transferred to North West Indiana, 1897; La Porte, 1897-1899; Transferred to Montana, 1899; Helena, St. Pauls, 1899-1903; Butte, Mountain View, 1903-1906; Transferred to Cincinnati, 1906; Oxford, Ohio, 1906-1909; Transferred to North Dakota, 1909; Minot, 1909-1910; Transferred to Montana, 1910; Supt. Butte District, 1910-1911; President Montana Wesleyan University, 1911-1916; Supt. Butte District, 1916-1922; Helena Area Secretary, 1922-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Helena Area Secretary, 1924-1925; Leave of absence, 1925-1926; Retired, 1926. Present address, Helena, Montana. (Effective years, 42.)

CALVERT, W. H.—Admissions, On trial, Kentucky, 1886; Full member, 1888. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1887; Elder, 1890. **Appointments**, Leitchfield Ct., 1886-1888; Woodsonville Ct., 1888-1889; Earlington Ct., 1889-1890; Leitchfield Ct., 1890-1891; Harrison & Nicolas Ct., 1891-1895; Sardis & Murphysville, 1895-1901; Asbury Ct., 1901-1902; Hardinsburg Ct., 1902-1905; North Creek Ct., 1905-1906; Transferred to Southern Illinois, 1906; Grafton Ct., Ill., 1906-1907; Supernumerary, 1907-1908; Transferred to St. Louis, 1908; Liberal, Mo., 1908; Transferred to Montana, 1908; Park City, 1908-1915; Philipsburg, 1915-1919; Retired, 1919. Present address, Ingomar, Montana. (Effective years, 32.)

DAVIS, CHARLES S.—Admissions, On trial, New England Southern, 1880; Full member, 1882. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1882; Elder, 1884. **Appointments**, South Glastonbury, Conn., 1880-1882; Vernon Depot, Conn., 1882-1884; Norwich, North Main, Conn., 1884-1886; New Bedford, Acushnet, Mass., 1886-1888; Welfleet, Mass., 1888-1891; Bourne, Mass., 1891-1893; New Bedford, Allen St., Mass., 1893-1897; East Providence, Haven, R. I., 1897-1901; Stafford Springs, Conn., 1901-1905; Transferred to Minnesota, 1905; Minneapolis, Forest Heights, Minn., 1905-1907; Minneapolis, Forest Heights and Foss Union, 1907-1908; Transferred to North Dakota, 1908; Drayton, N. Dak., 1908-1910; Transferred to North Montana, 1910; Havre, 1910-1914; Chester, 1914-1916; Chester, Inverness and Rudyard,

1916-1918; Retired, 1918. Present address, Mapleton, Oregon. (Effective years, 38.)

HOSKING, JOHN—Admissions, On trial, Columbia River, 1884; Full member, 1887. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1885; Elder, 1889. **Appointments**, Deer Lodge Valley & Anaconda, 1884-1885; Townsend, 1885-1887; Charter member Montana, 1887; Townsend & Radersburg, 1887-1888; Glendive, 1888-1891; White Sulphur Springs, 1891-1893; Livingston, 1893-1895; Billings, 1895-1896; South Butte & Meaderville, 1896-1899; Butte, Trinity, 1899-1903; Conference Evangelist, 1903-1905; Supernumerary, 1905-1907; Butte, Trinity, 1907-1908; Butte, Unity & Wesley, 1908-1909; Townsend, 1909-1910; Superannuated, 1910. Present address, Deer Lodge, Montana. (Effective years, 23.)

KING, GEORGE D.—Admissions, On trial, Columbia River, 1886; Full member, 1887. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1887; Elder, 1889. **Appointments**, Virginia City, 1886-1887; Charter member Montana, 1887; Virginia City, 1887-1890; Twin Bridges, 1890-1891; Middle Creek, 1891-1892; Bozeman Ct., 1892-1894; Meadow Creek, 1894-1896; Townsend, 1896-1899; Belgrade Ct., 1899-1900; Bozeman, 1900-1901; P. E. Bozeman District, 1901-1906; Livingston, 1906-1907; Whitehall, 1907-1909; Gallatin Valley Ct., 1909-1910; Supernumerary, 1910-1915; Retired, 1915. Present address, Whitehall, Montana. (Effective years, 25.)

LITTLE, JOB—Admissions, On trial, Columbia River, 1886; Full member, Montana, 1888. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1885; Elder, 1889. **Appointments**, Missionary to Montana, Sun River, 1886-1887; Transferred to Montana, 1887; Sun River, 1887-1890; St. Clair, 1890-1891; Walkerville, 1891-1893; South Butte & Meaderville, 1893-1895; Missionary to North Montana Mission, 1895; Cascade, 1895-1897; St. Clair- 1897-1899; West Great Falls, 1899-1904; Ulm & Sun River, 1904-1907; Charter member North Montana, 1907; Cascade, 1907-1912; Retired, 1912. Present address, Cascade, Montana. (Effective years, 26.)

MORRISON, A. P.—Admissions, On trial, Southern Illinois, 1863; Full member, 1865. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1865; Elder, 1867. **Appointments**, Newton Ct., Ill., 1863-1864; Olney, 1864-1865; Grayville, 1865-1866; Metropolis, 1866-1867; Mound City, 1867-1868; Transferred to Iowa, 1868; Unionville, Ia., 1868-1869; Washington, Ia., 1869-1871; Mt. Pleasant, 1871-1874; Transferred to Southern Illinois, 1874; Alton, Ill., 1874-1876; Litchfield, 1876-1877; Cairo, 1877-1878; Transferred to Michigan, 1878; Cheboygan, Mich., 1878-1879; Portland, 1879-1881; Hillsdale, 1881-1884; Located (at own request,) 1884; Made effective and transferred to Southern Illinois, 1886; Tulare, Cal., 1886-1888; Escondido, Cal., 1888-1890; Transferred to Alabama, 1890; Anniston, Ala., 1890-1891; Birmingham, 1891-1893; Transferred to Austin, 1893; Tabernacle, Dallas, Texas, 1893-1895; P. E. Fort Worth District, 1895-1897; Supt. New Mexico English Work, 1897-1906; Transferred to Montana, 1906; Butte, Mt. View, 1906-1909; Supernumerary, 1909-1911; Retired, 1911. Present address, Los Angeles, Calif. (Effective years, 44.)

NUTTING, WILDER—Admissions, On trial, Colorado, 1881; Full member, 1883. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1883; Elder, 1886. **Appointments**, Missionary Evangelist in Montana, 1881-1882; Park City, Mont., 1882-1883; Stevensville, Mont., 1883-1887; Charter member Montana, 1887; At school, 1887-1889; Miles City, 1889-1892; Townsend Ct., 1892-1893; Red Lodge & Park City, 1893; Miles City, 1893-1895; Centerville & Butte Mission, 1895-1897; Financial Agent Montana Wesleyan University, 1897-1899; Twin Bridges, 1899-1900; Superannuated, at own request, 1900; Changed to Supernumerary, 1910; Made effective, 1915; Big Timber, 1915-1917; Three Forks, 1917-1919; Thompson Falls, 1919-1920; Retried, 1920. Present address, Lake Grove, Oregon. (Effective years, 24.)

OLIVER, SAMUEL A.—Admissions, On trial, Detroit, 1883; Full member, 1885. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1885; Elder, 1887. **Appointments**, Copac, Mich., 1883-1885; Armada, 1885-1886; Saginaw City, 1886-1887;

Casville, 1887-1889; Transferred to Montana, 1889; Meadow Creek, Ct., 1889-1893; Twin Bridges, 1893-1897; Whitehall, 1897-1900; Townsend, 1900-1901; Miles City, 1901-1904; Billings, 1904-1905; P. E. Yellowstone District, 1905-1906; Butte, Mt. Bethel & Unity, 1906-1907; Butte, Unity & Wesley Chapel, 1907-1908; Butte, Trinity, 1908-1912; Billings, 1912-1914; Norris & Stirling, 1914-1915; Retired, 1915. Present address, Boise, Idaho. (Effective years, 32.)

STULL, GEORGE C.—Admissions, On trial, New Jersey, 1882; Full member, 1886. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1883; Elder, 1886. **Appointments**, Missionary to Montana, Miles City & Glendive, 1882-1883; Butte Ct., & Anaconda, 1883-1884; Bozeman, 1884-1886; Anaconda, 1886-1887; Charter member Montana, 1887; Black Foot & Pocatello, Ida., 1887-1892; Billings, 1892-1894; P. E. Helena District, 1894-1897; Billings, 1897-1901; Chaplain in U. S. A., 1901-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Chaplain in U. S. A., 1924-1928. Retired. Present address Ocean Grove, N. J. (Effective years, 44.)

WHITE, OSCAR A.—Admissions, On trial, Oregon, 1894; Full member, 1896. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1894; Elder, 1898. **Appointments**, Clatshanai, Ore., 1894-1895; Cleone & Fairview, 1895-1896; North Yamhill, 1896-1898; Transferred to Idaho, 1898; Idaho Falls, 1898-1900; Salmon, Ore., 1900-1902; Blackfoot, Ida., 1902-1905; Missionary to Montana, Supt. Kalispell Missions & Pastor Whitefish, 1905-1907; Transfered to North Montana, Charter member, 1907; Supt. Kalispell District, 1907-1913; Polson, 1913-1917; Rollins, 1917-1919; Supernumerary, 1919-1920; Hobson, 1920-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Harlowton, 1924-1926; Hardin, 1926-1928. Retired 1928. Present address Rolins, Montana. (Effective years, 33.)

SUPERNUMERARY

SMITH, WILBUR C.—Admissions, On trial, Columbia River, 1896; Full member, 1898. **Ordinations**, Deacon ,1898, Elder, 1900. **Appointments**, Pineville, Ore., 1896-1897; Dufur, Ore., 1897-1901; Moro & Grass Valley, 1901-1902; Arlington, Wash., 1902-1904; Prosser, Wash., 1904-1908; Lind, Wash., 1908-1909; Mead, Wash., 1909-1910; Supernumerary, 1910-1914; Transferred to Montana, 1914; Clyde Park, 1914-1915; Fairview, 1915-1917; Drummond & Hall, 1917-1918; Forsyth 1918-1920; Ingomar Ct., 1920-1923; Leave of absence, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Supernumerary, 1924. (Effective years, 24.)

WELCH, ARTHUR D.—Admissions, On trial, Upper Iowa, 1899; Full member, 1901. **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1901; Elder, 1903. **Appointments**, Dubuque, Asbury & Jackson St., 1899-1901; Dyersville, 1901-1904; At school, 1904-1906; Missionary to Montana, Columbia Falls, 1906-1907; Transferred to North Montana; Charter member, 1907; Columbia Falls, 1907-1909; Libby & Troy, 1909-1910; Polson, 1910-1913; Supt. Kalispell District, 1913-1916; Cascade, 1916-1918; Transferred to Montana, 1918; Sidney, 1918-1922; Conference Evangelist, 1922-1923; Supernumerary, 1923-1924; Charter member Montana State, 1924; Reed Point Ct., 1924-1925; Laurel & Park City, 1925-1926; Red Lodge, 1926-1928; Supernumerary, 1928. (Effective years, 28.)

PROBATIONERS

MARTIN, ROWLAND J.—Admissions, On trial Montana State, 1925. **Appointments**, at school, 1925-1926; St. Ignatius, 1926-1927; Associate Scobey, 1927-1928; At school, 1928.

ROBINSON, RAYMOND—Admission, On trial Montana State, 1925. **Appointments**, Associate pastor Scobey, 1925-1926; Associate pastor Helena, St. Paul's, 1926-1927; Wolf Creek, 1927-1928. At school, 1928.

BARTLETT, FRANCIS E.—Admissions, On trial Montana State, 1928. **Appointments**, Big Black Foot Ct., 1928.

TRAWEEK, WILLIAM S.—Admissions, On trial Montana State, 1928. **Appointments**, Richey, 1928.

KAEMMER, EDMUND RAE—Admissions, On trial, N. Minn., 1927; **Ordinations**, Deacon, 1926, **Appointments**, Transferred to Montana State, 1927; Choteau, 1927.

Conference Chronological Roll

Note: The dates show beginning of Ministry in Montana.

1881 Nutting, Wilder
1882 Stull, George C.
1883 King, George D.
1884 Hosking, John
1885 Little, Job
1888 Oliver, Samuel
1892 Martin, John A.
1895 Haynes, Philo W.
1896 Smith, Robert P.
1898 Smith, Edward
1899 Bovard, Charles L.
1899 Crouch, Charles D.
1899 Cunningham, Charles E.
1899 Hammer, Augustus W.
1900 Haynes, Charles E.
1901 Kershaw, Andrew
1902 Adams, Paul M.
1904 Barker, Thomas H.
1904 Dodds, F. E.
1905 Chirgwin, John
1905 Spencer, Frederick C.
1905 White, Oscar A.
1906 Morrison, A. P.
1906 Welch, A. D.
1907 Whitford, Fred
1908 Calvert, W. H.
1908 Fulford, Fred C.
1908 Hardy, David
1908 Rhodes, Charles
1909 Bartlett, Edward C.
1909 Smith, Charles E.
1910 Baldwin, Leo E.
1910 Davis, Charles S.
1910 Donaldson, Charles M.
1910 Pippy, William
1911 Brann, Wilbur E.
1911 Fenton, C. E.
1911 Lacklen, Jesse
1911 Plummer, Archibald E.
1912 Swisher E. D.
1913 Edgington, Robert C.
1913 Ball, John R.
1914 Greer, Walter L.
1914 Smith, W. C.
1914 Werts, Forrest W.
1915 Bunch, Jesse W.
1915 Mecklenburg, Henry
1916 Chappell, Harry E.
1916 Dutton, Reuben
1916 Spaulding, Walter B.
1917 Aiton, Alexander P.
1917 Cole, Charles G.
1917 Fike, Tobias T.
1917 Latham, F. M.
1917 Peck, Aden T.
1917 Ponath, Otto G.
1917 Reid, George
1917 Van de Mark, Martin E.
1918 Ortmayer, Lewis L.
1919 Frame, Herbert J.
1919 Stong, Harry T.
1920 Anstice, Fred
1920 Carleton, Ralph
1920 Dover, Edwin
1920 Hannan, Cecil G.
1920 Hawk, J. V.
1920 Wampler, Walter C.
1920 Woods, Hubert W.
1921 Clifford, Cecil L.
1922 Ashworth, Joseph
1922 Crater, Rollo V.
1922 Haldeman, Allan
1922 Kistler, Ernest D. I.
1922 Lee, George C.
1923 Kuller, John W.
1923 Parish, George O.
1923 Redfield, W. A.
1923 Jinnett, William P.
1923 Van Valkenburgh, Henry
1924 Bickel, R. Montague
1924 Blake, R. R.
1924 Pennepacker, Joseph S.
1924 Ricketts, Howard B.
1924 Wilcox, M. C.
1925 Caton, Andrew C.
1925 Norton, Joseph R.
1925 Harriss, H. Styles
1926 Bennett, William L.
1926 Wilcox, A. C.
1927 Ewing, W. M.
1928 Fridley, B. D.
1928 Lennox, H. J.

PROBATIONERS

1925 Martin, Rowland John
1926 Robinson, Raymond
1927 Kaemmer
1928 Bartlett, Francis, E.
1928 Traweek, William S.

XII Statistical Tables

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			Support of Pastor				Support District Supt.			Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.	Tot'l Defic'ncy
			Total Inc. Rent	Claim Inc. House	Total Paid House	Rental Val. of P'rs'n'ge	Claim	Paid	House Rent	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid		
1	Big Blackfoot Parish	D. Redfield									2		8	10	
2	Big Sandy Circuit	R. V. Crater	1440	1440	240	120	120			15	15	120	120	1695	
3	Chinook	H. C. Mecklenburg	1800	1800	300	150	150			20	20	150	150	2120	
4	Columbia Falls	E. D. Swisher	1020	1020	120	90	90			12	12	90	90	1212	
5	Culbertson Circuit	George C. Lee	1140	1140	240	90	90			13	13	90	90	1333	
6	Daniels County Parish	Ernest Kistler	2100	2100	300	180	181			23	23	180	180	2484	
7	Drummond & Hall	Nelle Phillips	1320	1320	120	120	120			15	15	120	120	1575	
8	Epworth Piegan Mission	Allen C. Wilcox		325	300		25				5		15	380	
9	Eureka	John Dix	154	154										154	
10	Glasgow	C. E. Haynes	1800	1800	300	150	150			15	15	150	150	2115	
11	Hamilton & Sula	C. E. Smith	1440	1440	240	120	120			16	16	120	120	1696	
12	Havre	George O. Parish	3600	3600	600	300	300			45	45	300	300	4245	
13	Hi Line Circuit	R. Montague Bickle	1100	900	60	90	77			13	13	90	70	1060	293
14	Kalispell	Edward C. Bartlett	2880	2880	480	240	240			32	32	240	240	3392	
15	Libby	John Dix	720	670	300		10							680	
16	Malta Circuit														
17	Mineral County Parish	John W. Kuller	1180	1080	180	100	90			11	10	100	90	1270	121
18	Missoula	Charles M. Donaldson	3500	3500	500	300	300			39	39	300	300	4139	
19	Missoula Circuit	George Reid		106			10				1		10	127	
20	Opheim Parish	Ernest Kistler	100	100		10	10			1	1	10	10	121	
21	Philipsburg	Fred Anstice	1100	1100	100	100	100			13	13	100	100	1313	
22	Polson Circuit	Herbert J. Frame	1900	1900	300	160	160			23	23	160	160	2243	
23	Red Stone Parish	Joseph Ashworth	1220	1220	120	110	110			13	13	110	110	1453	
24	Ronan Parish	Thomas Barker	1280	1280	180	110	100			13	8	110	100	1488	25
25	Saco & Hinsdale Parish	Harry E. Chappell	1780	1780	180	160	160			18	18	160	160	2118	
26	Shelby	Walter C. Wampler	1800	1800	300	150	150			20	20	150	150	2120	
27	Somers, Big Fork & Holt	W. L. Bennett	1680	1680	250	143	143			15		143	40	1863	118
28	St. Ignatius			120										120	
29	Sunburst, Sweet Grass & Kevin	A. C. Caton	1740	1740	300	144	144			19	19	144	144	2047	
30	Stevensville, Federated	Wm. Jay Richards	855	855	105	75	75			10	10	75	52	992	23
31	Thompson Falls & Plains	Ralph Carleton	1050	1050	250	80	80			12	12	80	80	1222	
32	Troy	John Dix	355	355		35	15							370	
33	Whitefish	W. E. Brann	2400	2400	300	210	210			30	30	210	210	2850	
34	Wolf Point														
35		Totals for 1927-28	42454	42665	6665	3537	3530			456	443	3502	3369	50007	580
36		Totals for 1926-27	45585	45877	6620	3660	3750			513	518	2541	2492	52512	1410
37		Gain			45							961	877		
38		Loss	3131	3212		123	220			57	75			2505	830

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1	Big Blackfoot				1		5	16	7			7	27	25			3	5400	1	1700	750							
2	Big Sandy Ct.	5		1		3					3	14	190	96			3	7000	1	1000			350		300			660
3	Chinook	19	14		38	1		149	12	1	5	30	275	165	10	35	2	5500	1	3500		210			320		5	652
4	Colum. Falls	2	1	1	1			60	17	1	2	18	145	70	18	15	2	3500	2	2500		50	135	100	100		1	460
5	Cul'son Ct.	2						59	31	1		12	140	86			2	5000	1	2500		175		102	85		8	344
6	Daniels Co. P	19	2		4	11		200	15		2	75	500	240	28		3	17000	1	2500		100		1100	1000	1	26	800
7	Drum. Hall	13			4			52	19		2	12	138	60			3	5000	1	2000		135			75		3	1213
8	Ep. P Mission	8		8	17	12		124	7	1	7	13	243	150		27	1	4000	1	2000	7000	75			300		2	60
9	Eureka	1						51	33		1	6	35	28			2	2500	1	1000			253	550				
10	Glasgow	33	7		20	10		276	118		2	22	279	200	37		1	12000	1	2000		100		2300	500		10	800
11	Ham. & Sula	6	1	5	5	1		122	25	1	1	15	125	70	18		1	1200	1	2500		225			356		17	454
12	Havre	14	8	12	25		18	400	50		1	36	406	184	30		1	16500	1	10000		950	150	7000	2415	1	38	1361
13	Hi Line Ct.	11			7			45			5	18	183	100	10		5	9000	2	4500		1800			200		7	2150
14	Kalispell	10		5	77	5	21	538	49	2	1	30	550	200	23	25	1	14200	1	3150			780		1125	2	36	1090
15	Libby		1			3		112			1	16	120	70	12		1	4000	1	3500								
16	Malta Circuit							66	27								1	1000	1	3000								
17	Mineral Co. P						2			1	4	37	140	100			2	8000	1	1800		50			100			343
18	Missoula	17	18	19	21	26	42	834	73	6	1	48	606	320	53	75	1	5500	1	3000	600	125			2665	2	29	901
19	Missoula Ct.	2						2	4		3	17	140	96			2	2200	1	1000							1	
20	Opheim Par.							105	9		3	20	197	90	15		1	5000	1	300		3000						1000
21	Philipsburg	1			3			58	1		1	10	116	55	40	32	1	9000	1	1000		100	138	100	505	1	2	630
22	Polson Circuit	7	5	12	7	16	18	158	53	1	1	15	200	98	40		2	5800	1	3000		260			537	2	7	500
23	R. Stone Par.	1	1	1	3	1	3	46	13	1	2	10	96	54	15		3	11000	2	2500		182			300		4	800
24	Ronan Parish	10	3			3	2	62	9	1	3	26	226	175	23	56	2	7000	2	2000		300	240	612	760		1	520
25	Saco & H P.	3	4	4	11	1	3	101	86	2	2	21	216	119	10	18	2	5000	2	3500		90			307	1	4	299
26	Shelby	5	11	12		12	5	124		1	1	15	252	102	12		1	8500	1	2000		25			166		17	1242
27	Somers B F H	5	3		10	15		100	20		3	24	240	115		50	3	8000	1	3500	500	450			170			950
28	St. Ignatius							16	4		2	15	74	52			1	3000	1	1000				100				
29	S B S G & K.	29		23		30	13	104	29		3	27	225	124			3	14300				800			300		3	1185
30	Stevens'le, F.	3	7			7		128	50	1	1	8	95	50	6		1	10000	1	1000		3000			123		3	400
31	T Falls Plains	2		10		14	4	78	12		5	43	327	140			4	9500	2	4000		75			285	1	4	650
32	Troy				3	1		49	24	1	1	15	125	79	15		1	5500							150			
33	Whitefish	12	7	12	57	19	4	255	68	1	1	20	369	160	31	51	1	5000	1	3500	300	528		30	555		10	840
34	Wolf Point							80									1	2500	1	500								
35	G Tot 1927-28	240	93	125	239	243	163	4570	868	23	79	695	7000	3673	476	384	64	273600	38	80950	9150	12805	2346	11994	13699	11	238	20244
36	G Tot 1926-27	195	86	133	208	211	257	4384	839	27	80	718	7831	3939	500	489	62	307850	37	81950	13900	14144	3568	14805	14053	12	224	17465
37	Gain	45	7		31	32		186	29								2		1								14	2779
38	Loss			8			94			4	1	23	831	266	24	105		34250		1000	4750	1339	1222	2811	354	1		

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			Total Claim Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Val. of P'rs'n'ge	Support District Supt. Claim	Support District Supt. Paid	Support District Supt. House Rent	Support of Bishops Claim	Support of Bishops Paid	Support Conf. Cl'm'nts Claim	Support Conf. Cl'm'nts Paid	Total Paid for Ministr'l Sup.		
1	Anaconda	F. W. Werts	2400	2400		240	240		31	31	240	240	2911		
2	Augusta & Simms	L. E. Baldwin	500	500	120	38	38		6	6	35	35	579		
3	Belt Valley Parish	F. E. Dodds	1200	1150	200	100	100		17	5	70	50	1305		82
4	Benchland		720	720	120	60	60		8	8	60	60	848		
5	Brady & Bethel	Harry T. Stong	800	800		80	80		8	11	80	80	971		
6	Buffalo & Straw	A. W. Hammer	1020	895	120	90	75		10	8	90	75	1053		125
7	Butte: Grace & Wesley	Edward Smith	2260	2210	360	190	185		23	23	170	170	2588		55
8	" Mountain View	Charles G. Cole	5040	5040	600	300	300		41	41	300	300	5681		
9	" Trinity & Mt. Bethel	Frederick T. Spencer	2430	2430	750	168	168		27	27	168	168	2793		
10	" Unity & Silver Bow	Ernest Mills	1480	1480	180	130	130		16	16	130	104	1730		26
11	Bynum & Pendroy	E. R. Kaemmer	243	243		25	25		3	3	25	25	296		
12	Cascade	B. D. Fridley	1800	1800	500	150	150		20	20	150	150	2120		
13	Choteau	E. R. Kaemmer	1860	1860	360	150	150		21	21	150	150	2181		
14	Clancy	Donald Baldwin	150	150		15	15		2		15		165		17
15	Denton	A. E. Plummer	2300	2300	300	200	200		26	26	200	200	2726		
16	Dutton, Collins	Harry T. Stong	900	800	300	50	50		8	8	50	50	1008		
17	Floweree, Portage, Genou	W. P. Jinnett													
18	Fort Benton	W. P. Jinnett	1700	1700	400	130	130		28	28	130	130	1988		
19	Geraldine & Montague	Edwin Dover	1186	1186	120	106	106		12	12	106	106	1410		
20	Grass Range	Belle C. Harman	1200	985	96	120	98		15	11	120	60	1154		201
21	Great Falls	H. Styles Harriss	7300	7300	1100	420	420		64	64	420	420	8204		
22	Helena: St. Paul's	M. E. Van de Mark	3000	3000	300	270	270		34	34	270	270	3574		
23	" Coburn Memorial	M. E. Van de Mark	824	789	300								789		35
24	Highwood & Nine Mile	Edwin Dover	569	569	25	54	54		6	6	54	54	683		
25	Hobson		720	720	120	60	60		8	8	60	60	848		
26	Lewistown	L. L. Ortmayer	2150	2150	250	190	190		20	20	190	190	2550		
27	Loma & Colony Bay	W. P. Jinnett													
28	Marysville	William Pippy		80			8			2		5	95		
29	Moore Circuit	T. T. Fike	1500	1300	300	100	70		15	10	100	70	1450		265
30	Stockett, S. Coulee, & R. Butte	J. A. Martin	304	304			15			3		20	342		
31	Townsend & Radersburg	Lucien B. Jones	1400	1200	200	120	100		18	15	72	60	1375		235
32	Ulm & Sun River	J. H. Little													
33	Valier & Dupuyer	H. W. Woods	1680	1680	180	150	150		33	33	150	182	2045		
34	Winifred, S'f'k' Christina														
35	Winnett, Wall View, Cat Creek		210	210	120								210		
36	Winston	Harold Engdahl		120		12	5						125		
37		Totals for 1927-28	48746	48171	7221	3718	3642		520	500	3605	3484	55797		1041
38		Totals for 1926-27	46590	47097	7550	3714	3684		585	548	2531	2377	53701		1006
39		Gain	2156	1074		4					1074	1107	2096		35
40		Loss			329		42		65	48					

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1	Anaconda	10	19	25		47	22	316	17	2	1	30	325	145	25		1	25000				3050		1300	2075	1		1174
2	Augusta & S.	8	10	11		11	6	67	12	2	1	8	100	50	20		2	3500	1	500		90			60	1	5	150
3	Belt Valley P	3	4	3		8		63	17	1	1	12	130	72	22		5	10000	1	2000		200			150		3	360
4	Benchland	3				5	3	46			1	7	99	55	25		2	4000	3	35000								287
5	Brady & Bet'l		1	1	1	1	1	34	14		2	10	108	53	10		1	4000	1	2000		45	247		200	1	5	666
6	Buffalo & S.	2						47			2	15	125	60			2	6500	1	4000		350	200	1550	175		6	520
7	Butte: G & W	26	6			14	14	160	21	1	2	25	305	175	21		2	12000	2	6000		1500			200		6	1370
8	" M. View	29	3	14	22	15	15	560	166	7	1	53	589	224	40	70	1	38000	1	5000		5000	1100	4400	3900	4	35	1413
9	" Trin, M B	21		8				146			2	32	380	250	15	71	2	17000	2	3800		785			1000		2	1221
10	" Unity, S B	13	1	2	4	2		105	30	4	2	19	227	145	19	43	2	17000				95			450		1	731
11	Bynum & P'oy							20	5		2	11	69	46			1	3000						800	60			175
12	Cascade	1		3	3		79	14			2	21	96	82	10	31	1	10000	1	3500		350	75		358		1	440
13	Choteau	10	2	4	9	1		89	16		2	20	213	131	31		1	3500	1	5000		329			477		4	662
14	Clancy				3			17	5		1	16	45	22			1	3000	1	600		100			20		1	
15	Denton	2	7	6	23	11	8	154		9	3	26	255	147	31	50	1	4000	1	2500		430			756		11	477
16	Dutton, Col'ns	1	2	1	1	1	1	21	6		2	16	90	52			1	2500	1	3000	200	2831			150	1	4	1225
17	Flow'ee, P. G.							21	15								1	1200							35			
18	Fort Benton	6	7	13		15	10	189	43	1	1	16	232	122	26		1	5000	2	6000		95			400		14	380
19	Geral'e Mo'ue	1	10			24	7	79	1	1	1	15	125	75	20	30	2	7500	1	400		200		850			1	275
20	Grass Range	10	7	5	6	9	2	36		1	3	24	200	130	12	35	1	2500	1	800		1500			125		3	575
21	Great Falls	160	62	140	160	199	86	1705	200	10	4	117	1725	925	95	45	4	200000	2	15000		8500	8000	20000	11000	3	31	5500
22	Helena: S. P.	10	7	20	32		29	520	102	6	1	34	398	190	61		1	40000	1	6000		135			2300	7	32	980
23	" C. Mem.						1	33			1	8	75	41		40	1	10000	1	2000			150	2200	175	1	1	673
24	Highw'd N M	3	2			19	4	38			1	6	40	24	11		1	4000				365						150
25	Hobson							46	17		1	12	97	70	21	30	1	2700	1	1000					355			300
26	Lewistown	4	13	8	8	3	17	370	135	3	1	24	325	200	27		1	30000	1	3000		850	217	1755	1111	1	1	1108
27	Loma Col Bay							16	7		1	6	39	30			1	1500	1	500				410	130			
28	Marysville	3	2						16		1	3	30	16			1	2000	1	200					25			
29	Moore Circuit	5	1		20			75	27	2	2	18	160	85	15		3	6000	3	3000	300	150			225		2	385
30	S., S C, R B	2						22			1	4	44	25			3	3000	1	500					100			394
31	Town'd Rburg	3		3	18	9	3	69	12		1	15	159	80			2	6000	1	2000		211	270	180	300		4	521
32	Ulm, Sun R.	3									1	5	71	45			1	2000				360			10			
33	Valier, Dup'er	23	5	13	16	13	10	144	34	4	1	16	232	85		30	1	8500	1	3000		250	400		300		1	750
34	Win'd S'f'k C										2	17	100				1	7000										
35	W, W V, C C							40	17		3	20	175	130	20		2	20000	1	2000			1326		496			
36	Winston										1	6	42	21			1	1500							35			
37	G Tot 1927-28	362	171	280	326	407	318	5262	935	84	55	677	7425	4006	577	475	56	495600	35	85800	500	27771	11985	33445	27128	20	174	22772
38	G Tot 1926-27	361	115	312	357	382	227	5263	1071	53	56	658	7446	3854	628	434	56	527700	36	91300	700	6853	10764	23970	29403	14	188	19243
39	Gain	1	56			25	91				31		19		152			41					20918	1221	9475		6		3529
40	Loss			32	31			1	136		1		21		51			32100	1	5500	200				2275		14	

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List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT											
			Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.			Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.	Tot'l Defic'ncy
			Total Claim Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Val. of Prsn'ge	Claim	Paid	House Rent	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid		
1	Ashland & Birney						20						20	
2	Billings	Jesse Lacklen	3280	3280	500	278	278		36	36	278	278	3872	
3	Bozeman	R. P. Smith	3000	3000	500	250	250		35	35	250	250	3535	
4	Bridger Circuit	C. E. Fenton	1380	1380	180	120	120		24	24	120	120	1644	
5	Clyde Park & Wilsall	E. H. Wendland	1950	1950	150	180	180		21	21	180	180	2331	
6	Comanche													
7	Dillon	H. B. Ricketts	2480	2480	480	200	200		30	30	200	200	2910	
8	Dillon Circuit													
9	Fairview		1050	990	300	75	34		15		75		1024	191
10	Forsyth	Fred Whitford	1600	1500	300	160	80		20	12	160	48	1640	600
11	Fromberg Circuit	Charles Rhodes	1750	1565	250	150	131		19	16	150	131	1843	226
12	Glendive	Reuben Dutton	3000	3000	600	240	240		34	34	240	240	3514	
13	Golden Valley Circuit	A. T. Peck	1300	1200	100	130	130		14	14	110	110	1454	100
14	Hardin	O. A. White	1600	1270	400	120	87		15	11	120	87	1455	400
15	Harlowton	F. M. Latham	2200	1750	400	180	135		25	20	180	135	2040	545
16	Huntley & Worden	Philo W. Haynes	1600	1550	200	135	135		18	13	140	140	1838	55
17	Ingomar & Sumatra	W. H. Calvert	300	300	90	40	40		4	4	30	30	374	
18	Laurel		1200	896	300	120	26		14		120		922	653
19	Livingston	A. P. Aiton	3000	3000	500	250	250		34	34	250	250	3534	
20	Luther & Fishtail	Samuel Fletcher		520		50	50		6	6	52	52	628	
21	Miles City	W. M. Ewing	3000	3000	500	250	250		37	37	250	250	3537	
22	Park City	Walter Lee Greer	950	950	150	80	80		10	10	80	80	1120	
23	Pine Creek	Otto G. Ponath	1200	1200	200	100	100		18	18	100	100	1418	
24	Red Lodge & Roberts	C. G. Hannan	2300	2300	300	200	200		24	24	200	200	2724	
25	Reed Point	Walter Lee Greer	660	572	60	60	51		7	6	60	51	680	107
26	Roundup	F. C. Fulford	2900	2900	500	240	240		32	32	240	240	3412	
27	Richey & Sacred Heights	A. A. Sifert	1080	1080	180	90	97		9	9	90	78	1264	5
28	Sheridan Parish	Allan Haldeman	800	800	200	60	60		9	9	60	45	914	15
29	Sidney	David Hardy	2080	2080	480	160	160		22	22	160	160	2422	
30	Three Forks	Joseph A. Barnes	600	600	192	60	60		7	7		60	727	
31	Whitehall	J. R. Norton	1400	1400	200	120	120		18	18	120	120	1658	
32	Wibaux	Corabelle Teachman	920	920	120	80	80		10	10	80	80	1090	
33		Totals for 1927-28	48580	47433	8332	4178	3884		567	512	4095	3715	55544	2902
34		Totals for 1926-27	49392	47296	8262	3970	3958		574	537	2722	2629	54420	2622
35		Gain		137	70	208					1373	1086	1124	280
36		Loss	812				74		7	25				

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1	Glacier Park	C. L. Clifford	42454	42665	6665	3537	3530		456	443	3502	3369	50007	580
2	Helena	Jesse Bunch	48746	48171	7221	3718	3642		520	500	3605	3484	55797	1041
3	Yellowstone	W. B. Spaulding	48580	47433	8332	4178	3884		567	512	4095	3715	55544	2902
4		Grand Totals for 1927-28	139780	138269	22218	11433	11056		1543	1455	11202	10568	161348	4523
5		Grand Totals for 1926-27	141567	140268	22432	11344	11392		1672	1603	7794	7498	160633	[illegible]38
6		Gain				89					3508	3070	715	
7		Loss	[illegible]87	1999	214		336		129	148				[illegible]15

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1	Ashland & B										1	7	36	28			2	4000	2	1500										
2	Billings	23	7	32	38	21	51	705	175	2	1	51	709	305	24		1	80000	1	5000		850		5280	3800			23	980	
3	Bozeman	7	5			7	12	322	120	3	1	28	151	111	58		1	25000	1	2300		614	530		1385				755	
4	Bridger Ct.					2	1	86	20	1	2	17	167	110			2	6800	1	2500		30			276			2	866	
5	Clyde P Wil'l	2					2	89	12		3	15	178	93	12		2	9000	1	2000		50			135			2	1340	
6	Comanche							20			1	4	51	43			1	4000	1	2000										
7	Dillon	6	9	7		7	3	221			1	18	260	150	30	15	1	15000	1	5000	6000	500			1400			5	800	
8	Dillon Circuit							12			1	4	30				1	2500	1	1500										
9	Fairview					1	2	103			1	12	125	70	23		1	3700	1	3500				1750	320				400	
10	Forsyth	3			10			130	15		2	20	250	175	22	16	2	5900	1	3000					300			4	250	
11	Fromb'g Ct.	5	2		6	1		121	17	1	2	23	235	108	35	63	2	12000				225	325		175	1	4		1300	
12	Glendive	26	12	18	50	26	15	162	70		1	39	419	196	18	16	1	30000	1	6000	500	200	1150	2400	600			16	1169	
13	Golden V Ct.	6	3	8		13	6	90	32	1	2	21	186	100	15		2	8000	2	3800		565			230			1		
14	Hardin	1	3	8		8	6	132	69		2	21	120	60	21		1	6000	1	9000			530	2000	370			2	713	
15	Harlowton	6	1	1	8	1	2	117	17	1	1	20	130	75	27	23	1	5000	1	2500					576			1	668	
16	Huntley & W	2			8	1		110	27	1	3	35	295	180	55		3	12500	1	2800		250			419			9	487	
17	Ingomar & S	2									1	9	86	45	14		1	1500	1	500		434		100	36			1	434	
18	Laurel			2	2			70	6	1	1	16	126	99	20		1	9000	1	1200				630	136				355	
19	Livingston	10	5			15	5	225			1	25	273	165	25		1	20000	1	8000		250	200	3100	1633				814	
20	Luther & F.	3	1	1	1			12		1	3	12	90	60			2	2400				100						1	385	
21	Miles City	4	2	12	20	2	4	389	70	3	1	30	400	175	35	50	1	48000	1	8000	1800	150	500	1500	968	2	24		1482	
22	Park City		3		1	4	4	58			1	10	93	52	12		1	4000	1	2000		350			124		7		732	
23	Pine Creek		2			1		58	18	4	1	11	90	35	16		1	2500	1	1500		100			90		3		200	
24	R Lodge Ro's	2		5	5	2	3	205	46	1	2	18	209	112	20		2	20500	1	4000					425		5		1110	
25	Reed Point							53			1	6	52	22	10	10	1	2000	1	1500				100	105		3		376	
26	Roundup	22	6			6	11	336		1	1	35	500	200	25		2	20000	2	5000		350	1600	2900	1290	1	12		1800	
27	Richey & S H	29	4	9	20	12	2	69	19	1	2	14	279	125	33	26	3	3500	1	4500	400	25	325	135	300		5		615	
28	Sheridan P.	5	3			5	2	47			2	12	150	85			1	10000	4	3500		325			250	2	2		725	
29	Sidney	3	8			9	20	125	31	2	1	14	165	72	20	15	1	35000	1	5000			1340	7273	924	1	12		1663	
30	Three Forks						5	34	11		1	13	143	77			1	16000		2000					500		1		500	
31	Whitehall	4	3				5	65	5	1	1	15	140	65			2	5000	1	3000		136			190		9		412	
32	Wibaux	4	3	7	7		1	69	8		1	9	72	43		25	1	5000	1	1500		5	69	1000	22		7		465	
33	G Tot 1927-28	177	80	110	176	147	169	4538	788	25	46	587	6540	3246	567	259	52	433800	35	103600	8700	5509	6669	28068	16979	7	161		21796	
34	G Tot 1926-27	174	138	268	96	312	285	4742	931	26	40	575	6701	3316	617	400	52	438300	37	106700	6800	17572	7635	34109	15479	5	126		19862	
35	Gain		3				80				6	12									1900				1500	2	35		1934	
36	Loss		58	158		165	116	204	143	1			161	70	50	141		4500	2	3100		12063	966	6041						

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1	Glacier Park	240	93	125	239	243	163	4570	868	23	79	695	7000	3673	476	384	64	273600	38	80950	9150	12805	2346	11994	13699	11	238		20244	
2	Helena	362	171	280	326	407	318	5262	955	84	55	677	7425	4006	577	475	56	495600	35	85800	500	27771	11985	33445	27128	20	174		22772	
3	Yellowstone	177	80	110	176	147	169	4538	788	25	46	587	6540	3246	567	259	52	433800	35	103600	8700	5509	6669	28068	16979	7	161		21796	
4	G Tot 1927-28	779	344	515	741	797	650	14370	2611	132	180	1959	20965	10925	1620	1118	172	1203000	108	270350	18350	46085	21000	73507	57806	38	573		64812	
5	G Tot 1926-27	730	339	713	661	905	769	14389	2841	106	176	1951	21978	11149	1745	1323	170	1273850	111	279950	21400	38569	21967	72884	58935	31	538		46570	
6	Gain	49	5			80				26	4	8					2					7516		623			7	35		18242	
7	Loss			198		108	19	19	230				1013	224	125	205		70850	3	9600	3050		967		1129						

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		World Serv. on Apport.	Specials, Annuities, Le's	B'd Edu: Children's day fund	Woman's For. Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Dis. Benevolences	Edu. End-wm'ts Bldgs. etc.	Hospital	City Miss.	Sust. Fund	State Epw. League	Area Budget	Mont. Deaconess School	Miscel-		Total Benevolences	Support of Dist. Supt.	Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts	Min. Invest-nts	Conf. Claim Gen. Conf. Ex.	Gr. Total Inc. D. and A. Conf. Ben., etc.	
1	Big Blackfoot	10					10	23									23		2	8			43	1
2	Big Sandy Circuit	91					91		251						3		254	120	15	120		6	606	2
3	Chinook	115		2	2		119	45	1513				15		198		1771	150	20	150	5	7	2222	3
4	Columbia Falls	90		7			97	309	241								550	90	12	90		4	843	4
5	Culbertson Circuit	142		3			145	483					5	350	68		906	90	13	90	298	4	1546	5
6	Daniels County Parish	303		3			306	917	12				10				939	181	23	180	150	8	1787	6
7	Drummond and Hall	110					110	178	50				12	75			315	120	15	120		6	686	7
8	Epworth Piegan Mission	40					40		7			121					128	25	5	15		2	215	8
9	Eureka																							9
10	Glasgow	123		6	4	5	138		30			20			68		118	150	15	150	155		726	10
11	Hamilton and Sula	238		4	90	1	333	161				17	12	225	110		525	120	16	120		6	1120	11
12	Havre	1500		23	171	135	1829	366	7420						324		8110	300	45	300			10584	12
13	Hi Line Circuit	50		5	2	2	59	78	1560				4		199		1841	77	13	70		4	2064	13
14	Kalispell	846	25	16	256	157	1300	499	66			18	24	379	324		1310	240	32	240		12	3134	14
15	Libby																	10					10	15
16	Malta Circuit																							16
17	Mineral County Parish	152			1		153	99					9		15		123	90	10	90		4	470	17
18	Missoula	1825		35	338	580	2778	255	10			59	30		67		421	300	39	300	278	15	4136	18
19	Missoula Circuit	100			2		102	5	5								10	10	1	10	15		148	19
20	Opheim Circuit	32					32											10	1	10			53	20
21	Philipsburg	230		3	2	42	277	7	8			34	10	105	7		171	100	13	100		5		21
22	Polson Circuit	305		13	40		358	167				25			50		242	160	23	160	25	8	976	22
23	Redstone Parish	110			1	1	112	379	10				11		35		435	110	13	110		5	785	23
24	Ronan Parish	99		8		2	109	332							20		352	100	8	100			669	24
25	Saco and Hinsdale Parish	240				7	247	202				55	12		59		328	160	18	160	86	6	1005	25
26	Shelby	115					115	52			15		6		230		303	150	20	150		7	745	26
27	Somers, Big Fork and Holt	110				25	135		60						77		137	143		40			455	27
28	St. Ignatius																							28
29	Sunburst, S. Grass & Kevin	282		9			291	193					14	110	50		367	144	19	144		7	972	29
30	Thompson Falls and Plains	200		1			201	122	53				8		45		228	80	12	80			601	30
31	Troy																	15					15	31
32	Whitefish	449		5	115	131	700	410	11			34	21		30		506	210	30	210	30	10	1696	32
33	Wolf Point																							33
34	Stevensville, Federated	269	1	5			275	68									68	75	10	52		4	484	34
35	Total 1927-28	8176	26	148	1024	1088	10462	5350	11307		15	383	203	1244	1977		20481	3530	443	3369	1042	130	39457	35

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		World Serv. on Appor.	Specials, Annuities, Le's	B'd Edu: Children's day fund	Woman's For. Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Dis. Benevolences	Edu. End-wm'ts Bldgs. etc.	Hospital	City Miss.	Sust. Fund	State Epw. League	Area Budget	Mont. Deaconess School	Miscel-	Total Benevolences	Support of Dist. Supt.	Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts	Min. Invest-nts Conf. Claim	Gen. Conf. Ex.		
1	Anaconda	575		11	103	107	796	105	77							182	240	31	240		12	1501	1
2	Augusta and Simms	75					75	238						70	40	348	38	6	35			502	2
3	Belt Valley Parish	77					77		21						5	26	100	5	50	75		333	3
4	Benchland	13		7			20						6			6	60	8	60		3	157	4
5	Brady and Bethel	75		2			77	89					5	30	50	174	80	11	80	55	2	479	5
6	Buffalo and Straw	42		10	1	49	102	125						16	77	218	75	8	75		8	486	6
7	Butte: Grace and Wesley	702		10	5	164	881	101	302				17		5	425	185	23	170		8	1692	7
8	" Mountain View	1517	145	20	823	236	2741	1075	1967				30		50	3122	300	41	300	120		6624	8
9	" Trin. & Mt. Bethel	387	7	11			405	33	236				12			281	168	27	168			1049	9
10	" Unity & Silver Bow	150					150	10	51				11	234	3	309	130	16	104		7	716	10
11	Bynum and Pendroy	15					15		5				3			8	25	3	25		1	77	11
12	Cascade Circuit	74		10			84	234					15		145	394	150	20	150			798	12
13	Choteau	219					219		161				15		3	179	150	21	150	142	7	868	13
14	Clancy and Jefferson	17					17										15					32	14
15	Denton	425		30			455	334	43			6	20	96	110	609	200	26	200		10	1500	15
16	Dutton and Collins	86		6	2		94	374					5	4	51	434	50	8	50	100	2	738	16
17	Floweree, Portage, Genou																						17
18	Fort Benton	600		3		5	608	496					13	40	122	671	130	28	130	62		1629	18
19	Geraldine and Montague	100					100	125	15				5	44	144	333	106	12	106		5	662	19
20	Grass Range	130		2	1	5	138	40	50			17			15	122	98	11	60	5	2	436	20
21	Great Falls	2702	50	10	450	487	3699	2144	50			56	42	1700	144	4136	420	64	420	361	21	9121	21
22	Helena: St. Paul's	1391	100		488	321	2300	1918	171						1501	3590	270	34	270			6464	22
23	" Coburn Memorial	30					30															30	23
24	Highwood and Nine Mile	51					51						2	117	101	220	54	6	54		2	387	24
25	Hobson	111	7				118	123	91			10	9		72	305	60	8	60		3	554	25
26	Lewistown	308		20	138	238	704	423				18			37	478	190	20	190		9	1591	26
27	Loma and Colony Bay																						27
28	Marysville	10					10										8	2	5			25	28
29	Moore Circuit	125		5			130	56	35						56	147	70	10	70			427	29
30	Stockett, Sand Coulee, R. B.	20					20	50								50	15	3	20			108	30
31	Townsend, Radersburg	100		12			112	438	26							464	100	15	60	25		776	31
32	Ulm and Sun River	10					10															10	32
33	Valier and Dupuyer	177		1			178	190	118						81	389	151	33	182			933	33
34	Winif'd, Suffolk, Christina																						34
35	Winnett, W. View, C. Creek														2	2						2	35
36	Winston																5					5	36
37	Total 1927-28	10314	309	170	2011	1612	14416	8721	3419			107	210	2351	2814	17622	3643	500	3484	945	102	40712	37

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1	Ashland and Birney	20					20										20					40	1
2	Billings	1623	285	17	559	398	2882	421	3032			33		77	146	3709	278	36	278	144	13	7340	2
3	Bozeman	617		8	260		885	123	15014			34		90	25	15286	250	35	250	60		16766	3
4	Bridger Circuit	120					120	90	30						10	130	120	24	120	90	3	607	4
5	Clyde Park and Wilsall	107					107		205					44	31	280	180	21	180			768	5
6	Comanche																						6
7	Dillon	249	70	7	82	65	473	738	561				20		56	1375	200	30	200	60	10	2348	7
8	Dillon Circuit																						8
9	Fairview	77					77										34					111	9
10	Forsyth	194					194		2450							2450	80	12	48			2784	10
11	Fromberg	255		8			263	193	271			5			10	479	131	16	131	10	3	1033	11
12	Glendive	1090	10	15		197	1312	164					24	326	6	520	240	34	240	155	12	2513	12
13	Golden Valley Circuit	208		29			237		112							112	130	14	110		3	606	13
14	Hardin	34				2	36	209	30							239	87	11	87			460	14
15	Harlowton	121		7	1	1	130	123				10	13		58	204	135	20	135	47	6	677	15
16	Huntley and Worden	372		16	1		389	211	514			15	13		96	849	135	13	140	118		1644	16
17	Ingomar and Sumatra																40	4	30		2	76	17
18	Laurel	23					23							214		214	26			30		293	18
19	Livingston	658	27				185	951	240				25		16	1232	250	34	250	75	12	2538	19
20	Luther and Fishtail	92		9	1	1	103	91	40				5		4	140	50	6	52		2	353	20
21	Miles City	823		8	13		844	1176								1176	250	37	250			2557	21
22	Park City	104		6		4	114	115	103						10	228	80	10	80	45	4	561	22
23	Pine Creek	107		11	22		140							25	13	38	100	18	100		3	399	23
24	Red Lodge and Roberts	228	10				238	102								102	200	24	200	80		844	24
25	Reed Point	67					67	22								22	51	6	51		3	200	25
26	Roundup	425					425										240	32	240			937	26
27	Richey and Sacred Heights																97	9	78	5		189	27
28	Sheridan Parish	125					125	357	595						25	977	60	9	45			1216	28
29	Sidney	79					79	87	1655				16		3	1761	160	22	160	35		2217	29
30	Three Forks	60					60	25								25	60	7	60		3	215	30
31	Whitehall	142				37	179	190	15					145	30	380	120	18	120	65		882	31
32	Wibaux	184	26	5			215	341	5				8		2	356	80	10	80		4	745	32
33	Total 1927-28	8204	428	146	939	705	10422	5729	24872			97	124	921	541	32284	3884	512	3715	1019	83	51919	33

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1	Glacier Park	8176	26	148	1024	1088	10462	5350	11307		15	383	203	1244	1977	20481	3530	443	3369	1042	130	39457	1
2	Helena	10314	309	170	2011	1612	14416	8721	3419			107	210	2351	2814	17622	3643	500	3484	945	102	40712	2
3	Yellowstone	8204	428	146	939	705	10422	5729	24872			97	124	921	541	32284	3884	512	3715	1019	83	51919	3
4	Grand Totals 1927-28	26694	763	464	3974	3405	35300	19800	39598		15	587	537	4516	5332	70387	11057	1455	10568	3006	315	132088	4
5	Grand Totals 1926-27	29162	513	500	4428	3064	37668	21508	31703	3	5	376	614	15362	1208	73532	11212	1577	7410	966	721	154264	5
6	Increase		250			341			7895		10	211			4124				3158	2040			6
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